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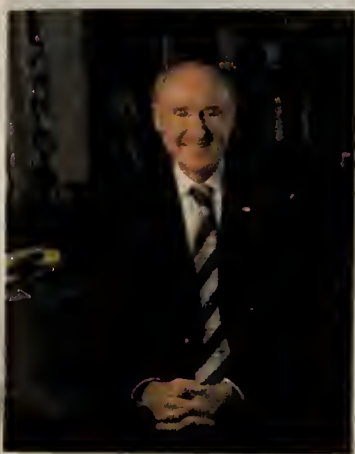
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Chancellor James Dworkin Welcomes you to PNC



James B. Dworkin
Chancellor
Purdue North Central

Dear Students of Purdue North Central,

Welcome to the 2010-2011 academic year! Whether you are just beginning your college education at PNC, or you are a returning student, this academic year will be challenging and will also provide you many opportunities.

One benefit of coming to PNC for your education is that you are able to interact with people of all different ages, races, religions, and interests. I urge you to take the advantage of our smaller classes and the opportunity this gives you to work in groups with different peo-

ple. This experience will expand your horizons and give you interesting insights to other individuals and their customs and beliefs.

I also urge you to go to presentations and community events on and off campus. I strongly recommend that you attend PNC's Sinai Forum Series. These events are held on five Sunday's at Elston Middle School's Performing Arts Center in Michigan City, Indiana and begin at 3 p.m. These events are free to students. The season begins on Sunday, Sep-

tember 12, with Lisa Ling. Lisa is a field correspondent for Oprah, a contributor to ABC News Nightline and National Geographic Explorer. Some of you may remember Lisa from Channel One News, the popular news program shown in middle schools and high schools every day. Other programs will include: Bill Strickland on October 3, Dr. Robert Schmuhl on October 24, Gail MarksJarvis on November 7 and Dr. Gebisa Ejeta on December 5. Attending community events like this will give you the opportunity to meet and network with community leaders and members. For more information please visit www.sinaiforum.org.

Another thing to take advantage of this year is the new textbook rental option with an average savings of at least 50% off the cost of purchasing new books. It is estimated that students will be able to

save \$283,000 in the 2010-11 academic year. This year, about 20% of PNC's textbook titles are included in the rental program and we hope to increase this as the program continues. The bookstore is located in the basement of the Library Student Faculty Building.

Your years at PNC will be exciting, challenging and very rewarding. An education is something that no one can ever take from you, no matter what unexpected occurrences take place in your life.

I look forward to meeting you on campus and send you my very best wishes for a successful academic year. I hold open office hours throughout the semester, so please feel free to stop in with questions, comments, concerns, or even just to say "Hi".

Sincerely,
James B. Dworkin
Chancellor

A Welcome from the Voice

12 Places We Think You Should Know at PNC

By Rachel Skenandore
Staff Writer

Technology Building

1. Printing and Mail Services
Room 131

Services Provided: color and black and white copying, overhead transparencies, color binding, booklet making and lamination for a small fee for students and staff

2. Computer Labs

Rooms: 164 (for after normal business hours), 26, Library, Room 241 and 243

Provide students with computers and access to color and black and white printers. In room 265, where students can get assistance with their PNC login account. Also staff is helpful with assistance on various programs.

3. Modern Language Lab Room 359

Provide students with computers to record and listen to programs for foreign language courses offered at PNC. The lab does not open till after the second week of each school semester. For assistance see the English Department in room 353.

4. Admissions and Financial Aid Room 157

Provide students with financial aid information, grants and student and parent loan information, and work study. Admissions bridges new students and transfer students

with enrollment and credentials analyst.

Schwartz Hall

5. Student Services
Room 38F

Provide students with assistance through peer tutoring, two week textbook rental and laptop rental for free. To qualify you have to meet one category: financial need, disability or first generation college student. They also organize outings for students participating in their program.

6. Human Resources Room 25

Apply for employment on campus. Obtain copies of W-2's, fill out paper work relating to employment and obtain employment information.

7. Registrar's Office Room 40

Assist with registration, course changes, CODO's (change of degree objective), adding or dropping classes, auditing classes, grades, change of address, transcripts, graduation requirements and incompletes.

8. Bursar

Room 127

Pay for tuition, Child Care Services and other fees and refunds.

Library-Student-Faculty Building

9. Fitness Center

Room 77 and Locker/Shower
Rooms 74 and 76

For access to the fitness room per semester (summer prices are half of semester cost): undergraduate students: \$40, graduate students: \$40, faculty, staff and spouses: \$65. Also there is the monthly payment choice of \$10 for students and \$20 for faculty, staff and spouses: \$20 or daily at \$3 and there is locker rental for \$25. All payments are made in the Bursar's office in Schwartz Room 127.

10. Office of Student Activities -
PNC Photo ID Cards
Room 77

Student ID cards are valid for 2 years at a time and students must be an active enrolled student to obtain one. A driver's license or state ids are required at the time of issuing and current school schedule. PNC ID cards are used to check out books/various discounts at businesses. For future reference PNC is anticipating being able to use student ID cards as debits cards that would be able to load with cash for use at the bookstore, cafeteria or coffee shop according to their webpage. Also Nursing Student ID cards are available for students enrolled into the nursing program that would allow them access to hospitals and other locations related to their training. Employees of PNC that are members of CERT (Community Emergency

Students and Faculty Bid Fond Adieus to Barrett



Vice Chancellor Larry Barrett leaves PNC for Maine. See his welcome letter on page 4.

Response Teams) would also obtain them in this office as well.

11. Dean of Students Room 103

They offer personal short term counseling to students with a license clinical social worker, assistance in declaring a major and career, grants for student clubs/organizations and veterans office. Mr. Kevin Beatty is part time through the Veterans Affairs; who offers assistance in the VA program.

12. Writing Center

Room 211 and Career Development, Room 28

The Writing Center operates through the English Department; they offer free assistance in tutoring for writing/correcting a paper, computer assistance with word

processing and the internet. No appointment is necessary and the student should bring with them their assignments, textbooks, referral slips and jump drive. The writing center does not open until after the first two weeks of the school semester.

Also new to the writing center is Career Development for students and alumni this is a joint operation between the English Department and Career Development in Room 28. They offer assistance in creating resumes and cover letters, preparation for job interview and assistance in job placement. Please bring with you a jump drive, resume/work history. To schedule an appointment contact Mrs. Darlene Livingston at 219-785-5451.

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Opinions

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The R.A.D. Class is Worth the Time

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

Crime on our campus is practically nonexistent. Violent crime is pretty much unheard of. So why on earth does PNC offer a free self-defense course for all women?

Known as the R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) System, three nights of classes offer a foundation of basic knowledge of women's self-defense. It is there for PNC affiliates and community members alike who wish to empower themselves throughout all physically uncomfortable situations in life, no matter where one may be.

A trip into Chicago, walking to your car after dark, or a night at the bar can all bring about feelings of unease. R.A.D. Instructor Susan Zahn, with the PNC police department, teaches women not only how to defend themselves, but also how to deal with and avoid potentially perilous situations. Thank you, PNC and Sue.

During the month of July, I began the first block of the R.A.D. advanced class. Though I may have felt empowered after attending the basic course, it comes nowhere near what I came out of the advanced class with. Whereas I was ready to take on the entire male population after going over the basics of knocking the crap out of an attacker, I now simply feel a calm awareness of my surroundings. I am armed with the knowledge of how to handle myself if I ever have the unfortunate luck of coming up against a man with a weapon.

Yes, oddly enough, this knowledge calms me. Not that I have any plans to purposely place myself in a dangerous position (I do remember the avoidance tips from



basics), but if anyone is lurking, I know I can escape. In the words of George Lopez, "I got this!"

A common quote from female-rights activist, Susan B. Anthony surrounds the PNC class: "Woman must not depend on the protection of a man but must be taught to defend herself."

The red pads come out each night and the women line up to practice some very violent moves. Of course, something must also be said for the amazing camaraderie that inevitably develops between the students and Sue. Immature

horseplay is not welcome in the room, however, seriousness is definitely intermixed with jocundity. Laughter can undoubtedly be heard all the way down the hall. This is with all the doors closed, mind you. It is a bonding experience well worth the time it takes to sign up and show up.

This October, Sue will be repeating the R.A.D. basics class. Bear in mind that this is not an instructional class for martial arts. Even those trained in the fancy kicks and jabs will find some benefits in the quick and powerful takedown tactics Sue teaches.

Students, faculty, and even community members are all invited to come. The only requirement is being of the female gender (sorry men, but you guys will need to find another avenue). I have been urging all of my friends, and now you women readers, to check your schedules and carve out the time to attend. Further information and online enrollment for the PNC course can be found at www.pnc.edu/pd/rad.html. I am planning on being there this October, are you?



The Big Spill

By Aram Arden
Staff Writer

which we are discussing.

This spring and summer, individuals around the globe watched on in helpless horror as an oil well which never should have been drilled in such deep water to begin with gushed forth barrel after barrel of crude into the once-beautiful Gulf of Mexico.

As day after day of the nightmare disaster stretched on, those of us possessing the ability to appreciate the darkest of humor were treated to a 24/7 helping of bitter chuckles to top off our tears of despair while BP tried method after failed method, each steadily seeming more and more preposterous, of stopping the endlessly gushing oil.

Now that the situation is "under control," most of us would like to forget about the tragedy and go back to watching (insert your favorite waste-of-time television program here). But then, those individuals are probably not reading this article. I am not willing to just "forgive and forget" this inexcusable crime against the planet and all of its denizens. I would rather try to incense you more about it than you ever were before.

It is my profound hope that BP will go down in the annals of history as one of the most hated corporations ever to exist, but my anger doesn't stop there. The United States government is, in my view, equally culpable for the spill. To begin with, I find it inexcusable that both the federal and most state governments have absolutely no qualms about telling small business owners how to operate their businesses, yet somehow a gigantic corporation the size of BP is able to operate without a level of government oversight that ensures proper safety measures are taken in the first place in order to prevent a global catastrophe of the magnitude

Little known fact: the House voted in early July an astonishing 420-1 to grant the Presidential Investigation Commission power to issue subpoenas in its investigation. Our Senate blocked this maneuver by delaying a vote on the measure, ensuring that BP is able to lie its way out of trouble.

The Senate protecting corporate interests, isn't that shocking? It doesn't end there though. BP was somehow entitled to use the United States Coast Guard as their personal police force, with the Coast Guard issuing restrictions preventing the media from coming within 20 meters of booms and response vessels. This was ostensibly for their own

safety; so I wonder why BP threatened to fire individuals working on cleanup crews for wearing protective gear. I suspect they wanted to make the tremendous health risks look nonexistent, "no big deal." Time will tell. The Air Force did their part by helping distribute the deadly-toxic dispersant Corexit to help hide the mess.

Wasn't it exhilarating watching the President get so ineffectually "outraged" by the whole affair? Of course, he couldn't have been too angry. He did receive \$77,000 in campaign contributions from BP. While I mention that, could anyone explain to me why we let mega-corporations blatantly bankroll our politicians? I guess that's just part of living in a society where it is acceptable for executives from unethical agribusiness conglomerates like Monsanto to be appointed to positions on the FDA and EPA.

I am angry about this disaster, and will remain so. I hope to see the individuals responsible go to prison. Call me pessimistic, but I doubt this hope will be fulfilled.

Have YOUR Voice Heard!

Do you have an opinion about something on or off campus that you would like to express? Tell us about your classes, your professors, the annoying man who stood in front of you at the check-out line in Target that couldn't stop staring at you. Share YOUR Voice with the PNC student body by submitting your opinion of 200 words or less on our website www.thepncvoice.com. Simply click on the link entitled "Letters to the Editor" and you can see yourself in print NEXT MONTH!

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Iron Maiden

"The Final Frontier" Album Review

By Aram Arden
Staff Writer

After seeing British heavy-metal legends Iron Maiden live in 2008 on the incredible "Somewhere Back in Time" tour, and earlier this year on "The Final Frontier" tour, my expectations were very high for the band's first new studio album in nearly 4 years.

After hearing a leaked copy of the album a few days before its official release, I was very surprised but by no means disappointed. On "The Final Frontier," Maiden's fifteenth studio album, the band has finally perfected the melding of progressive rock with their trademark brand of traditional heavy metal; which they have been attempting since 1995's "The X Factor."

Clocking in at nearly 77 minutes spread over ten tracks, Maiden continues their trend of ever-increasing average song

lengths; but this time around they manage to cut repetition to a minimum. The album is full of surprising time changes and alterations of mood, yet taken as a whole, it flows together quite seamlessly.

Highlights include opener "Satellite 15... The Final Frontier" (showcasing the band at their most experimental), "Isle of Avalon," "The Talisman," and the prerequisite Steve Harris-penned epic-album closer "When the Wild Wind Blows."

Now 35 years into their career, Maiden manages to turn in a very solid effort, likely to appeal not only to heavy metal traditionalists, but also fans of progressive acts like Rush, and even mainstream hard rock fans. Although not on a par with magnificent 1980s high-water marks such as "Killers," "Powerslave," or "SSOASS," "The Final Frontier" is still an excellent album: 4 out of 5 stars.

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

The lights go down at Chicago's First Midwest Bank Amphitheater to signal the triumphant arrival of Iron Maiden. There is a split second of silence as all conversations cease before 18,000 fans respond with a deafening roar. An eerie, orchestral piece is accompanied by swirling mist and flashing red lights. The stage is adorned with space-age technology, and the house lights are arranged to look like a lowering spacecraft. The din increases for what seems like forever, and then, finally, and the thundering first notes of "The Wicker Man" fill the ears of thousands of eager fans.

This was the beginning of Iron Maiden's latest concert in Chicago on Sunday, July 13th. This tour attracted more people to the windy city than any tour in Iron Maiden's history. This is quite an accomplishment for a band that has had almost no support from television or radio until very recently. After more than 30 years, 15 albums, and more than a few world tours, I

A Head Bangers Concert

would say they deserve it. None of this has slowed them down, however. After this last performance, there must be few if any doubts that Iron Maiden is losing any momentum.

In fact, one might say the opposite is true. This tour began only a year after the ending of the last world tour, "Somewhere Back in Time." On that tour, the band traveled on its own jet airliner, "Ed Force One," for 91 shows all over the world. A 65 person crew accompanied them to set up and manage their custom stage, light show, fireworks, and pyrotechnics. Did I mention that the band's front man, Bruce Dickinson, also pilots the jet? Yet every show, he still finds the energy to run around like a madman, climbing speakers and walls to send his searing vocals straight to thousands of satisfied eardrums. While "The Final Frontier" tour is not nearly as extensive or as elaborately produced as the most previous tour, the band still delivers an incredibly energetic show time and time again. They may not all run around like Bruce, but then again, he is the youngest

member at a spry 52.

This tour celebrated the band's most recent 10 years. Aside from a brand new song from the currently unreleased "The Final Frontier," they played a few songs from "Dance of Death," "Brave New World," and "A Matter of Life and Death." Like any Maiden show, some old classics were heard, too. Fans got to hear long time concert favorites like "Fear of the Dark," "Wrathchild," and "Hallowed Be Thy Name."

If you ever get the chance to see Iron Maiden, do it. They have been turning people into metalheads for decades, and they certainly have their live shows down to a science. The ticket prices are moderate, usually around 50 to 60 dollars. The price is easily justified by their massive stage set-up and quality of performance; this particular show lasted more than two hours. I cannot say when Iron Maiden will call it quits, but it seems like they have a fair number of head banging years left.



Stockett's "The Help" Both Historical and Heartwarming

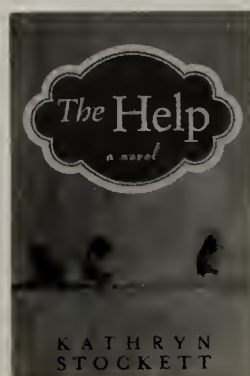
A Book Review By
Caitlin Vanlaningham
Staff Writer

An eye-opening story of the treatment of black domestic servants in white households in the 1960s, "The Help," written by Kathryn Stockett delivers a touching, shocking, and wildly humorous story. One of the main characters is named Miss Skeeter Phelan, a white woman with wild dreams and ambitions, and the hair to match. She observes the treatment of the black maids at her friends' houses and becomes increasingly curious and concerned.

Skeeter expresses her thoughts to one of the maids, Abileen, who wants no part of Miss Skeeter, for fear of getting into trouble.

Miss Skeeter keeps mulling over her thoughts and eventually gets so fed up that she decides to write a book containing the real life stories of a number of maids from her home town of Jacksonville, Mississippi, only changing the names and locations. The two other main characters, Minny: a firecracker maid with a mouth that often gets her into trouble, and Abileen: the calm, maternal force, both keep

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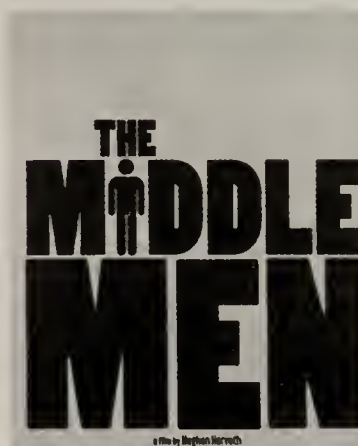
A Movie Review By
Rachel Skenandore
Staff Writer

"Middle Men" is inspired by a true story but soon resorts to common scenes that have been shoved down our throats repeatedly throughout cinema.

The movie commences with the last turning point of the story, but brings its viewers back to where it all began. The plot is centered on two drug-addled, highly intelligent men who discover a way to charge for the online viewing of porn, but very rapidly find themselves in over their heads with the Russian mafia.

The movie focuses on bad decisions the characters make, and a brief history of each character is offered, creating solid characters within the movie. This character background leaves the viewer with an explanation of the individual's present behavior. The movie is

laced with the common themes of money, drugs and sex; which seemed to lead to destruction for the characters' lives.



There are some surprises that occur in the movie, yet these are overshadowed by the use of popular themes such as pornography devastating a marriage, drugs inhibiting decision-making, "mafia

business relationships are never wise" and "lawyers are shady."

In spite of a predictable plot the acting was still digestible and realistic. Jack (Luke Wilson) was rather well done. Jack's wife (Jacinda Barrett) displayed her acting skills as well, turning in a performance which exhibited believable happiness and sorrow on the screen. While her presence on the screen was brief these moments were effective. Wayne Beering (Giovanni Ribisi) and Buck Dolby (Gabriel Macht) - the two geniuses of the movie who are in a constant drug stupor - successfully provide their characters with the physical behavior of unstable individuals, creating a realistic portrayal of addicts.

While most of the themes are redundant, the movie is still interesting with good acting, and moves along swiftly.

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You could be featured in our next issue!

Campus News

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Purdue Pride Week, August 30 - September 3

By Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

Monday's Events:

- Come out and make a difference and donate blood! The blood drive is located in LSF 144 from 9a.m.-3p.m.
- Meet new PNC students by playing badminton and corn hole on the lawn from 11a.m.-1 p.m.
- Enjoy the nice weather and come eat pizza on the lawn from 11a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday's Events:

- Come show your artistic side and tie dye your own T-shirt for only \$5 (cash only).
- Come create your own video flip-book.
- Free popcorn will be given out to snack on.
- Enjoy Quiznos Subs for an outdoor lunch.
- Come sign up for frisbee golf intramurals.
- All of these events will be on the lawn from 11a.m.-1p.m.

Wednesday's Events:

- Show your Panther pride by dressing in gold and black!
- Come be a part of the PNC team at the Faculty vs. Student Volleyball Tournament in the lawn from 11a.m.-1p.m.
- Stop by and check out the bookstore's grand re-opening at 1p.m.
- Come tie dye T-shirts for only \$5 (cash only).
- There will be a cook out in the lawn from 11a.m.-1p.m. and again from 4-6p.m.

- Club Call Out will be located on the lawn from 11a.m.-1p.m. (rain plan LSF 144).

- Come have a good time and Karaoke in the lawn from 11p.m.-1p.m.

- Come cool off and enjoy the free popsicles that will be provided by APSACCSAC in the lawn from 11a.m.-1p.m.

Thursday's Events:

- Spaghetti will be served on the lawn from 11a.m.-1p.m.
- Come take a break and play vol-

- leyball on the lawn from 11a.m.-1p.m.

- Come design your own tie dye T-shirt for only \$5 (cash only).

- Come sing with friends and Karaoke on the lawn from 11a.m.-1p.m.

- Come check out the President's Round Table located in LSF 144 from 3-4p.m.

Friday's Events:

- Come enjoy some Panera bagels outside of LSF 144 from 8:30-10:30a.m.

Meet Your Peers

McGee Paints His Way To Success



By Sarah Lasser
Editor

Name: Geraldo McGee
Major: Architectural Design
Year: Sophomore
Advice: "Don't let fear slow you down, and always attack everything with confidence."



Geraldo's advice is something the man definitely lives by. Some people may have a fear of success. Some may have a fear of failure. Yet the largest group by far would most likely be the fear of the unknown; no one is privy to what the future will hold for them.

For Geraldo, having confidence in his ability to remain determined in his educational goals helps him push through in life.

A student in PNC's program at the Westville Correctional Facility, the young man took up drawing only recently, in 2007. He began playing with paints in 2009 and now has numerous prints around the facility. In fact, in the visitor's center, Geraldo painted two murals totaling 22 by 8- feet in length.

Inspired by nationally known artist Kenneth Kinaid the student wanted to make the center a more enjoyable place to be while visiting family and friends and taking pictures with them. The two beautiful murals depict an idyllic brick home in the country and a path leading to a building reminiscent of an open brown barn beyond a creek bed. Painting them was also

an opportunity to see if he could create something grand on such a large scale. He claims that "I am always up for a challenge."

As a child, Geraldo was not instructed in any type of art form. Though he did doodle as every child does, and was interested in building tree forts, no formal instruction ensued. Today with a certain number of classes under his belt, Geraldo has supplemented his learning with self study from many of the greats, such as Kinkaid. As a long term goal, the man plans to finish out his degree at PNC, attend graduate school, and open his own architectural firm. His hopes are that at least one of his two children will have enough interest in architectural design to desire following in his footsteps and inherit the firm.

In the meantime, Geraldo has been working hard on improving his style. During the interview, he was able to point out quite a few pieces scattered around the building. In the cafeteria, the man had created another, albeit slightly smaller, wall painting. A completely original design, the piece was a sight to see. With an older,

Welcome to the start of the new 2010-11 Academic Year at Purdue North Central! This time of year is one of the most exciting for a college campus with returning students progressing in their careers and maturing towards earning that degree. In addition PNC will be welcoming about 800 new freshman and transfer students to our campus. It is always a wonderful experience for me and the Enrollment Management and Student Services staff to see freshman students so engaged and positive about joining PNC in those first few days on campus.

Your college life is of course about earning your degree and I would encourage you to strive to take at least 15 credits per semester and some summer courses in order to graduate in four years. This goal should be taken seriously since many financial aid programs only allow a student

rustic setting it may remind one of the churches seen in movies such as "Zorro." The tan building displaying a coliseum-like arch is complete with cracks drawn in to create the depth and the illusion of an ancient place. Wonderfully colored flowers are landscaped around the picture. Straight from Geraldo's imagination, the plants even include a cactus among the red, yellow, and white petals of the other plants. It definitely gives character to the eatery.

Along with the larger paintings, Geraldo says he has created and sold "at least twenty pieces of different mediums in art." The reentry program out of South Bend, Companions on a Journey, has auctioned off most of the pieces for him. They have included pastels, charcoals, paints, and more. Geraldo claims that he receives a third of the sale, while another third stays with Companions, and the final third is donated to "charities helping the children of current Companions on the Journey of reentry. He was also featured with his work on the Channel 22, South Bend, the the News Dispatch, and in the South Bend Tribune.

Welcome Letter from Vice Chancellor Barrett



four years to graduate with financial aid. In addition all studies that I have read indicate that the more courses you successfully complete in your freshman year the higher success rate you will have to earn your degree. Finally, the cost savings of graduating in four years is substantial - as Chancellor Dworkin has stated many times "Earn More, Graduate in Four!"

Our student life programs have expanded rapidly over the past few years and the programming staff has created an assortment of activities for you this year. Be sure to check your weekly The Voice email that is sent to each student's PNC email account that will highlight each week's events. The start of the new year includes our annual orientation weekend event and then is followed by Purdue Pride Week. PNC Purdue Pride week is always a lot of fun and one of this year's events will be Faculty vs. Student spike down volleyball game and also free food and karaoke.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that effective at the start of this new year there will be some changes taking place in the Enrollment Management and Student Services Division. I will be leaving PNC to head back to the Northeast to be a college president in Maine. John Coggins, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Services and Dean of Students has been named the Interim Vice Chancellor while a national search for a new Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Services is taking place. John has been a strong student advocate for the past 35 years on this campus. The staff in Enrollment Management and Student Services is the best.

Have a great and successful academic year!
Larry

World News

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Summer 2010 World News Update

By Aram Arden
Staff Writer

The Deepwater Horizon spill in the Gulf of Mexico was the predominant item in the news this summer, featuring prominently in the headlines for the better part of the season. For more on this, view the opinion piece in this issue. This is a summary of some of the other major events this summer.

On May 31, Israeli Defense Forces boarded and seized six ships of the Gaza Freedom Flotilla. The flotilla was attempting to bring humanitarian supplies to the Gaza Strip in an effort to al-

leviate the blockade of the Strip imposed by Israel. This has resulted in considerable diplomatic problems between Israel and Turkey.

Continuing political unrest in Thailand culminating in clashes between protestors and government forces resulted in several dozen deaths and hundreds of injuries.

Following the April overthrow of the president of Kyrgyzstan, this summer saw significant violence perpetrated towards the minority Uzbeks in that country.

International tensions continue to escalate with North Korea after

international investigators concluded on May 20 that North Korea was responsible for the March 26 sinking of a South Korean naval vessel.

On May 12, Russia and Turkey signed extensive diplomatic agreements including plans for an oil pipeline and Turkey's first nuclear power plant.

May 13 brought alarming news as seven countries accused of human rights violations were elected to the United Nations Human Rights Council: Angola, Libya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Qatar, Thailand, and Uganda.

On June 8, China defended its

internet censorship policy, reiterating its right to "prevent and curb the harmful effects of illegal information on state security, the public interest and minors."

On June 28, the United States Supreme Court, in a 5-4 vote, overthrew Chicago's long-standing and highly controversial handgun ban.

Two items most overlooked by mainstream news media:

On May 28, pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk withdrew their Insulin from the market in Greece as a response to the Greek government's move to cut pharmaceutical costs by 25 percent. This

resulted in over 50,000 Greek users of the drug being left without access to their vitally important medication.

Finally, on June 23, an investigation concluded that dozens of military officials and defense contractors working for the United States Department of Defense, several with top secret clearance, had purchased and downloaded child pornography on private and government computers over the past decade. Some of the suspects have not been prosecuted.

Is There a Multivitamin Right for You?

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

The dietary supplement industry is a multi-billion dollar industry. Even in this declining economy, supplement sales are on the rise. One no longer needs to find a specialty shop as numerous vitamins are now commonly sold in both pharmacies and grocery stores. Even Wal-Mart devotes an entire aisle to display a supply of various vitamins and minerals. For those opting to partake in the pills, a wide range of choices are made available.

Zeroing in on multivitamins, consumers have a variety of types and brands to choose from. One can find some made specifically for men, women over fifty, weight-loss, and hair growth to name a few. After deciding which label suits his/her needs, it is time

to look over the companies. The higher the price, the better the quality, right?

Actually, there may not be that much of a difference. Consumer Reports recently did a study on multivitamins. After learning that almost half of their surveyed group of individuals had concerns over whether or not their vitamin of choice honestly contained the amounts of each supplement boasted on the bottled, the company looked into the situation by testing twenty-one different kinds. Choosing both name and off-brands, the findings are quite telling.

"All but one of the products we tested met their label claims for key essential vitamins and minerals," claims Consumer Reports. The claim is based upon the results of tests made by two outside labs. Thus, that knock-off bottle

with the store's label on it is just as good as the expensive bottle sitting next to it on the shelf. The scary part comes from the next statement made in the report which points out that only "most of the pills we tested also passed the U.S. Pharmacopeia's (USP) dissolution test, which involves immersing them in a simulated stomach-acid solution to determine whether they'll dissolve properly in your body. This means that not all of the supplements are working in the human body the way that the consumer would expect.

Still today there is no scientific proof that multivitamins will improve the health of the average individual. Consumer Reports send out the warning: "What consumers might not realize, though, is that supplement manufacturers routinely, and legally, sell their prod-



ucts without first having to demonstrate that they are safe and effective." Effective meaning one thing, and safe being a whole other ball park. The group made a list of twelve supplements they feel people should avoid due to the risky side effects associated with them. They are:

Aconite
Coltsfoot
Greater Celandine
Bitter Orange
Comfrey
Kava
Chaparral
Country Mallow

Lobelia
Colloidal Silver
Germanium
Yohimbe

For those who decide to supplement diets, it is best to fully inspect not only the label, but also the company. Keep in mind that the FDA does not provide quality control for all products. A number of vitamins, minerals, and other supplements have been exposed as containing contaminants or dangerously higher levels of a product than what is claimed. The best bet is to stay with bottles marked as being USP Verified.

The World As We Know It: Weird News From Around The World

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Many people go through a drive-thru only to be disappointed when they open the bag and find their order incorrect. Most are upset and some even complain to the management. This was not the case for a Krispy Kreme customer in early August. It seems that a good way to guard against theft, according to ta Fayetteville Krispy Kreme manager, is to store the cash from the previous day in an empty doughnut box before depositing. However, it doesn't appear to be that effective when an unknowing employee has access to the box of money masquerading as an order,

and hands it over to a customer. The box, filled with \$5000, has not been returned.

NATIONWIDE – Ever heard of a Triceratops? Your grandchildren might not. According to the Chicago Tribune, paleontologists have recently come to the conclusion that a Triceratops is actually just a young Torosaurus that died before it could fully develop. After years of research conducted on dinosaur fossils, someone finally noticed that there were absolutely no remains ever discovered of a baby Torosaurus. Once the ques-

tion was posed, paleontologists began to look closer at the resemblances between the Triceratops



and the Torosaurus. It has been decided by these brilliant minds that they had made a mistake. And so,

the term triceratops is cast into the wind because the creature simply does not exist.

ORANGE, Calif. – Apparently in Orange, California, local police will investigate anything. In mid-August, an on-duty police officer turned on the emergency lights of his patrol car and began investigating a railroad crossing in which the crossing arms were not functioning properly. Big bummer was that the police car was still running when parolee Jon Anthony Tolden happened by. The 35-year-old hopped in and took off in the type of joyride movies are made

of. However, it wasn't much later that police caught Tolden, who is now being held without bail.

PARIS – Here in America we are told that we cannot discriminate against someone for any reason may it be their gender, race, religious affiliation, or other individualizing characteristic. I guess France never got the memo. Until recently, the country held to the policy that anyone under five feet three inches would not be considered eligible candidates for the police force. Unfortunately, France has not fully reached the twenty first century as it maintains stature laws regulating how tall a citizen must be in order to join the national military.

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ASK SAM

SEND YOUR Q'S
TO THEVOICE@PNC.EDU
C/O SAM THE SIAMESE



Dear Sam,

I really enjoy taking my daughter to the park everyday. She loves playing with other children but some of their parents are starting to make it difficult. One child in particular has a very pushy mother. Even though our daughters enjoy playing together, I have no desire to befriend this woman. She's constantly trying to get me to drop off my daughter at her home for a play date but I hardly know the woman and don't feel comfortable leaving my daughter

with her. She's also constantly trying to get me to have coffee with her or join her for a drink. When I told her that I don't drink, she insisted that I should start. It's not that I hate this lady; I just don't want to be her friend. Does this make me rude?

Park Mommy from LaPorte

Dear Mommy,

This does not make you rude in any way shape or form. First of all, from the sounds of it, it sounds like this woman has already no-

ticed your hesitation. She should've backed off once then. Since she continues to bother you, she's not recognizing the personal boundaries. The old saying that you can pick your nose, pick your friends, but you can't pick your family is true. We do get to pick our friends in life and for good reason to. You feel this woman isn't your cup of tea. So why pursue a friendship just for the sake of being nice? That can only get you in trouble. You can either continue to keep blowing her off with noncommittal responses like, "maybe next time..." or "Gee, I'm real busy right now, maybe another week..." and eventually she'll give up. Or you can simply tell her that your daughters may be friends but you're currently not interested in making relationships right now. The final option and perhaps the easiest would be to take your daughter to another park or enroll her in a pre-school program.

Sam the Siamese

Dear Sam,

My fiancé and I have been together for a very long time. His mother has always given me prob-

lems. About a year ago we got into this huge fight and I have refused to have anything to do with her since. She's told their family lies about me and they all seem to think I'm the problem, even though this woman has been diagnosed with mental illness, but never treated. My fiancé knows his mom is wrong and does not expect me to reconcile, but my other in-laws are starting to treat me funny, like I've divided the family. Sometimes I feel like I should just give and keep putting up with MIL's antics so my fiancé can have a somewhat "normal" family.

Confused in MC

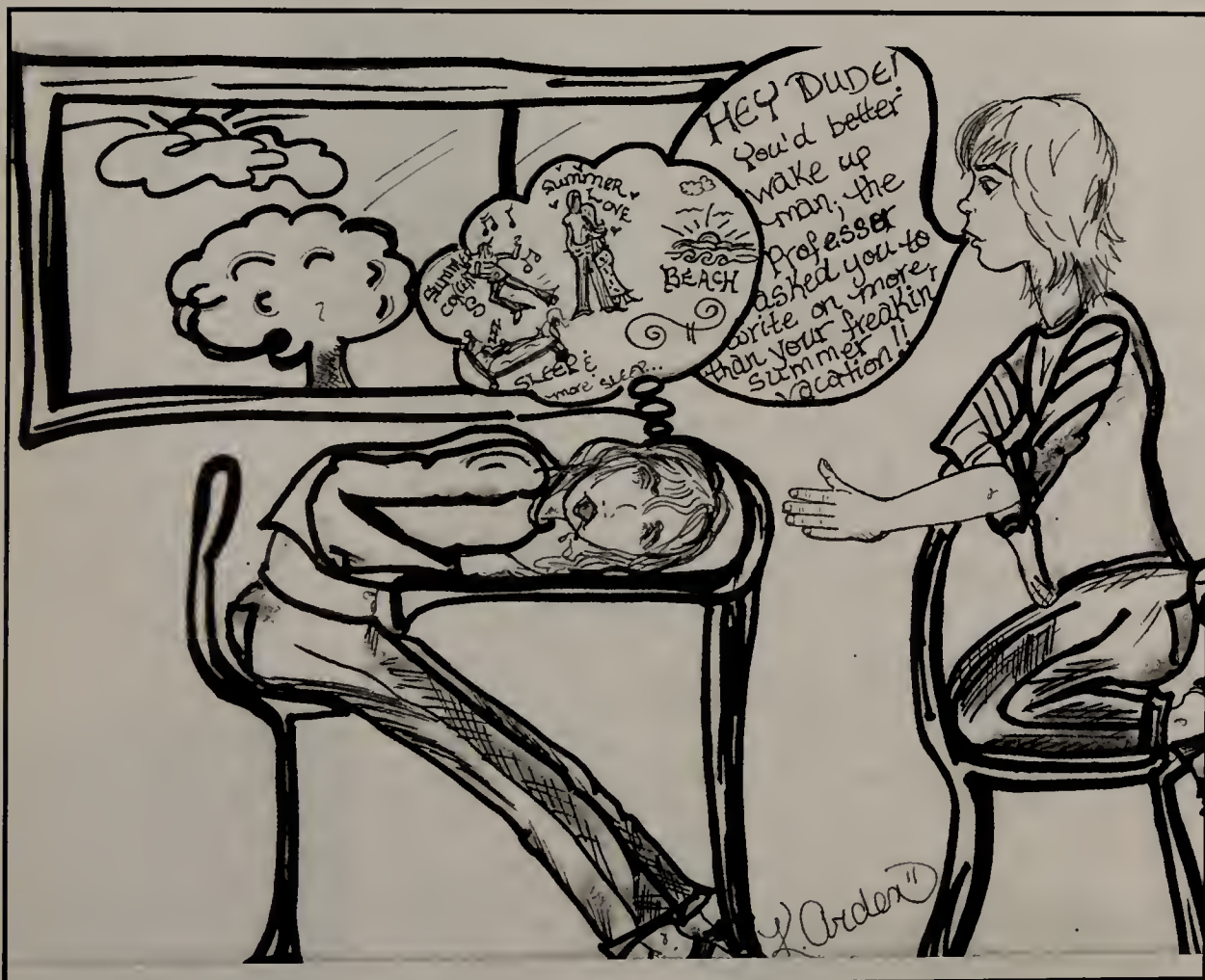
Dear Confused,

Hmm, sounds like there's a lot more to this story. What ever happened between you and your mother-in-law-to-be must have had quite an emotional impact on you. The fact that she has a mental illness is also very important. The other people in your fiancé's family you mention should respect your decision to keep your distance. You have the right to choose who you are around, and if someone's actions make you that

uncomfortable, you have the right not to be around that person. If his family can't understand that, then I bet they're in denial of this woman's mental problems, especially since she isn't receiving any treatment. You said your fiancé does not expect reconciliation, so you really have nothing to worry about. When the wedding day comes, invite your mother-in-law, but do not allow her have any part of the planning. Make sure you speak to her after the ceremony but prepare for a public display of emotion. If she get's emotional or angry, it will only help her family realize that she has an illness and needs medical intervention. Good Luck!

Sam the Siamese

Questions for Sam, the incredible inscrutable cat? Just them in care of *Sam the Siamese* at thevoice@pnc.edu.



CARTOON BY KAREN ARDEN

Cryptoquotes

The quote below has been encoded by a single letter substitution method. For answers, please go to thepncvoice.com and click on the "Entertainment" link.

Hint: Q equals C

"FV JEB WBC NOV NDA LNW JENP
WBC ZVVR, FVQNCLV PEBLV JEB
KMDA ABD'P KNPPVO, NDA
PEBLV JEB KNPPVO ABDP KMDA."

-- Dr. Seuss

Word of the Month!

Somewhere in this issue a writer has used this word:

Inscrutable- adj. impossible to understand or interpret
(Oxford English Dictionary)

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Volleyball Season Has Arrived

By Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

Purdue North Central's volleyball team has been working hard to prepare for their 2010-2011 schedule this fall. The team began practicing in June for the upcoming season, which officially began on Aug. 20.

The Panthers finished the 2009-2010 season at 9-20 overall and 2-8 in conference play. They are looking forward to improving and rebuilding the team this fall. The Panthers are returning five players from last season and are welcoming eight new players to the team.

Head coach, John Higgins, has new plans for the team this season. His goals for this season are to have above 20 wins and to be in the top half of the Chicagoland Conference this year.

"We definitely have a deeper roster this year because we are not as young as last year. We are going to be a strong defensive team and I am really looking forward to this season," said Coach Higgins.

Higgins begins his fourth year as head coach for PNC's volleyball program. He has had many years of coaching experience at various levels throughout his career. He was the assistant coach

for the Panther Club volleyball team in 2006 before becoming head coach here at PNC. He was also previously the volleyball coach at North Judson-San Pierre High School in 2005, where he is currently teaching an industrial technology class at the middle school. Higgins was also an assistant coach for the Tri-State University women's volleyball team in 2002.

The Panthers play 37 games this year and are hoping to have a bigger crowd out to see their games this season. The PNC volleyball home games are played at the Courts of Northwest Indiana in Valparaiso.



PNC Welcomes New Cheerleading Coach

By Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

Purdue North Central welcomes Erica Krachinski as the new head coach for the cheerleading squad this season. Mrs. Krachinski attended the University of Dayton where she received her degree as a physical therapist assistant. She has more than 10 years experience in the medical field and specializes in sports medicine, athletic training, orthopedics and aquatic therapy. She is currently employed as a Physical Therapist Assistant at LaPorte Hospital.

Mrs. Krachinski was involved in gymnastics as a child, but it wasn't until high school that she was involved in cheerleading. She cheered at Marquette High School in Michigan City during her four years there. She then joined the cheerleading team at the University of Dayton. She earned a great opportunity to cheer at the next level. Her team qualified for and competed in the UCA Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, FL her sophomore year at Dayton.

During her college years, she choreographed competition routines for many local high schools. She was also an interim coach for

Marquette High School Cheer and Dance Team for one summer.

"I am very excited about this opportunity to help PNC grow their cheerleading program," said Coach Krachinski.

Krachinski enjoys working with the girls and loves passing on her knowledge and experience of the sport. She has not only taken on the role as their coach, but also as a teacher and mentor to help the girls improve every day. PNC would like to welcome Coach Krachinski as the new head coach for the PNC cheerleading squad and wishes her a great upcoming season!



Bonus Information

Welcome from Dean of Students

Dear PNC Students,

I would like to welcome you to Purdue University North Central. I am so glad you choose to attend Purdue's most beautiful campus. I feel very confident you will enjoy your stay here. I have been here 35 years, and things only get better each year.

I have been given the task of replacing Vice Chancellor Lawrence Barrett, which will be difficult, but I will do my best to always be available to address any issue or concern you may have.

Being involved in your school I think is very important if you want the full university experience. Those who participate in activities or intramurals or athletics are the ones who look back on their col-

lege days with fond memories. I sincerely hope you choose to make this your home away from home. You will be glad you did.

Please see John Weber, Tom Albano, or Keri Marrs-Barron if you are wondering what PNC has to offer. You will be amazed at all the opportunities available to you. We have over forty clubs you can choose from at the campus. Please check them out during Purdue Pride Week.

I am very glad you have made PNC your college choice. Everything about this campus is quality – faculty, staff, facilities, and most of all students.

Welcome, see you soon!
John Coggins

Bookstore features Rent-A-Text

By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

The PNC bookstore is now offering text book rentals, which will allow students to rent their text books for up to 50 percent off the retail price.

Around 30 percent of all titles are available for rental, and students can write and highlight in the books just like their own. Participants are asked to provide some form of collateral like a debit or credit card number in case of loss.

Students can set up a rental account at www.renta-text.com or they can express register at the time of check out. This new service is a col-

laboration of Purdue and e-Follett in hopes to provide students an alternative to outsource their books and an attempt to reduce the number of students who start out the semester without the books they need.

In addition to this new service, the bookstore has also received a complete make-over featuring a whole new layout. On Wednesday September 1 they will be having a Grand Re-Opening. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be given out every hour and students can enter-to-win an RCA Flip Camera. The ribbon cutting ceremony featuring Chancellor Dworkin will take place at 1p.m.

2010-2011 SGA Officers

By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

The Student Government Association will be holding its meetings this semester on Tuesdays at 7 am in LSF 60. This year's officers are David Meyers – President, Taylor Coleman – Vice President, Nick Mucha – Secretary, and your students representatives this year are Sean Casey, Kirsten Babcock, Jenna Lowery, Joseph Duron, David Gonzalez, and Samantha Schelling. More information on your student government can be found at <http://clubs.pnc.edu/government/index.htm>.

PNC to Host Accreditation Visit

Dr. Linda Duttlinger
Director of Accreditation and Assessment

On April 18, 2011, Purdue North Central will host a team of consultant evaluators from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. The HLC is one of six regional accrediting agencies in the country.

Reasons for Accreditation

There are three reasons PNC needs to be accredited by the HLC and all three should be a concern to the student body. When an institution is accredited ...

1. Students that attend accredited institutions are eligible for federal financial aid.
2. Credits are easier to transfer to another accredited institution. This means that a student has the ability to transfer institutions and take earned credits along. This does not mean that the new school must accept the credits for graduation in the new program. The new school may choose to accept the credits as "undistributed."
3. Graduating from an accredited institution means it is easier to enroll in graduate programs for advanced degrees at another accredited institution.

PNC's Accreditation History

Purdue North Central was first accredited by the HLC in 1971 and has been fully accredited ever since. The HLC has sent a team to visit and evaluate the campus in 1974, 1981, 1986, 1994, and 2001. In 2001, Purdue North Central requested a change in status with the HLC from an associate degree granting institution to a bachelor's degree granting institution. That request was granted and in 2003, a site visit was held that reaffirmed this decision.

Since the 2001 visit, Purdue North Central has met all the requirements of the Higher Learning Commission and is fully accredited. This means that student's credits are transferable, our degrees are recognized by other accredited institutions and PNC students are eligible for federal financial aid.

Preparation for the visit

For over two years a campus committee made up of faculty and staff has been working on the Self Study document that will be provided to the consultant evaluators prior to the visit in April of 2011. The Self Study is a document that covers the five criteria of the

Higher Learning Commission and other required information.

Purdue North Central is seeking two changes in the campus status with the HLC. As was the case in 2001, PNC would like to advance its degree status. This time the campus is requesting consideration for an advance from a bachelor's degree granting institution to a master's degree granting institution. In addition, HLC requires a status change when an institution is considering offering a full on-line degree program. PNC will also make that request. These requests add two additional chapters to the Self Study.

The Self Study work has required the faculty and staff involved to review campus statistics, assessment, general education, budgets, campus resources, strategic plans, community service projects, degree curricula and articulation agreements with other institutions. In other words, almost every aspect of the North Central campus has been reviewed and evaluated.

Program Accreditations

Purdue North Central has professional ties with four other accrediting agencies related to academic programs offered on this

campus. They are:

Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)

National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC)

National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Educators (NCATE)

Accreditation Board for Engineering and technology (ABET)

These programs have their own standards, visit schedules and requirements. Purdue North Central is currently in good standing with all accrediting agencies.

2010 and 2011 Plans

In the next semester, there will be an article in The Voice every time it is published giving updates on the progress of the Self Study Team. One example will be a list of the names of the consultant evaluators and their expertise relative to the visit. These individuals are professors and staff members that have been trained by the HLC to review a Self Study and an institution that is up for re-accreditation. In 2001, there were six evaluators assigned to the PNC visit and a similar number is ex-

pected in 2011.

After Spring Break, the actual schedule for the visit will be made available to the campus community. This schedule usually includes times and locations for Open Meetings with the HLC Visiting Team. The Visiting Team traditionally meets with students in an Open Meeting to address concerns and answer questions of students attending the institution. There are usually Open Meetings for faculty, administrators, clerical and service staff and part time instructors. The Visiting Team may also request meetings with campus leaders or student government.

Additional Information

Any member of the Purdue North Central community is welcome to learn more about the Higher Learning Commission, the upcoming visit in April or the Self Study. The Self Study will be available for review early in the spring semester. For general information, go to <http://www.pnc.edu/accreditation>. For specific questions, contact Dr. Linda Duttlinger, Director of Accreditation and Assessment at dutt@pnc.edu or X5217.

Don't Miss Out!

Comiled by the Voice Staff

- Wednesday August 25 at exactly 8:30 p.m. there will be a 4 minute window for a NASA spacecraft sighting. It will be flying over the city of Westville.
- 2nd Annual PNC Car Show hosted by the PNC Rotaract Club, Veteran's Club, and Alumni Association. The vintage car show will take place on August 29 from 8 a.m. -3 p.m. in the campus parking lots. The theme is "Drive to Survive." Register before 11 a.m. Judging will be from noon to 2 p.m. with the winners announced at 3 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to the Food Banks of Northwest Indiana and Northern Indiana.
- Purdue North Central alumni Association will have a ceremony on September 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the central fountain to announce a \$5000 gift to the University. Coming from sales in the memorial brick program, the ceremony will feature the first look at the installed bricks around the fountain. Chancellor Dworkin is set to speak.
- Hypnotist Rich Ames combines mentalism and hypnotism for a comedic hour long show. It will begin at noon on September 22 in LSF 144.
- The Opportunity Fair hosted by PNC's Office of Career Development and Center for Service Learning & Leadership will take place in the cafeteria on October 12 from 3- 7 p.m.

At Your Service: The Campus Police

By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

The Purdue North Central campus has its own professionally staffed police force that works diligently to maintain a safe environment. Located behind the LSF building in the Campus Police

Building, the department operates twenty-four hours, seven days a week. Purdue Police officers have the same powers as any city, county, and state officer and are graduates of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy or the FBI National Academy.

During the course of a year PNC

sees little to no crime on its campus. However it's still important to always remain alert and cautious. If you're the victim of a crime or witness criminal activity, report it to campus police immediately by dialing 9-1-1 on any campus phone or by dialing 5220 from your cell phone.

It's a good idea to add the campus police to your contact list just incase you find yourself way out in the parking lot with a dead battery or flat tire. Campus police will give you a jump start or put

air in your tire so you can make it home. They can also help if you have locked your keys in your car.

There are also four red emergency telephones located throughout the campus. These will connect you directly to the campus police. There is one phone at the bottom of the stairs in the front main entrance of the Schwarz Building, in the main north entrance of the Technology Building, in the main entrance to the LSF Building and in the basement of LSF located in the back hall near

the fitness room.

Campus police provide the campus community with many other services. Lost and found articles are reported to the department. There is also an emergency text messaging system to notify subscribers about weather closings and campus emergency alerts. Women have access to the basic and advanced Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) program, a unique comprehensive course on self-defense. The program is free for all women in the community.

... Stockett CONTINUED

the story moving with their lively southern dialect, "Law have mercy," "Ugly live up on the inside. Ugly be a hurtful, mean person." Not only that, but their individual journeys might have readers grabbing for tissues.

The main antagonist of the story is Miss Hilly Holbrook, the controlling, manipulative president of Jacksonville's Junior League who sternly believes that colored people are "unclean". Stockett does such an excellent job of making her unlikable that by the end of the novel readers will want to climb into the pages and smack her.

When the reader arrives at the end of the novel, he or she might at first find it abrupt and lack-lus-

ter. But the reader must take a moment to reflect on the story and its historical accuracy and remember that Kathryn Stockett is not writing for a happy ending. She is writing to shock and inform. Stockett is writing to help readers remember the struggles, changes, and ultimately the successes that occurred during the Civil Rights Movement.

The attention to historic detail, customs, and dialect is quite impressive. Stockett's writing is refreshing and easy to follow, with lots of imagery to paint wonderful pictures in the readers' mind. It's entertaining. It's heart wrenching. "The Help" written by Kathryn Stockett is everything one wants in a good book.

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Therapeutic Horses Offer Hope and Volunteer Opportunities: Local organization in need of helping hands

Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

Becoming a volunteer at the local Reins of Life organization requires a commitment of only one hour per week and no horse experience is necessary. Side-walkers and horse leaders need to be willing to work with disabled children and adults; however, Reins of Life also relies upon volunteers to feed the horses, clean the facilities, and hold fundraisers.

In exchange for their time, volunteers can reap life changing benefits. It's a win-win situation. Volunteerism is vital to communities and gives people the opportunity to create professional social networks, learn leadership skills, and build workplace experience.

In a recent poll of Fortune 500 companies, 90% of executives agreed that volunteering provides many professional benefits. It's something shiny to put on your resume.

Besides building your portfolio, volunteering is also good for your health. Serving the community provides a sense of identity, self-worth,

and satisfaction. Studies have shown that people who volunteer lead better, healthier, and longer lives. People who suffer from depression and anxiety can also benefit tremendously by donating their time.

Volunteering at the Reins of Life provides a window into possible career opportunities as well. The need for certified Therapeutic Riding Instructors

attending a certification workshop and taking an exam. NARHA also requires candidates to be trained under a mentor, which can be done through an accredited college or through a NARHA Center that offers an Instructor-In-Training program.

Instructors do not necessarily need a college degree, but having a degree will improve salary and employment opportunities. Although some colleges offer degrees in Therapeutic Riding, most instructors have a degree in a discipline other than equine studies. Instructor Amanda Bub received her degree in therapeutic riding at St. Mary of the Woods, and has worked for



Boomer, a grey Quarter Horse, is a favorite at the Reins of Life

Reins of Life for the past three years. She finds her line of work to be extremely gratifying as she gets paid to "play with kids and horses all day."

However, she says it does require a high level of dedication. Reins of Life offers the Instructor-In-Training program for promising volunteers. The

Reins of Life is currently looking to add another instructor to their staff. Becoming an instructor requires a certification by NARHA, which involves



PNC Student Katelain Leslie with rider Jonah Good atop lesson horse Espirit. Photo by Lisa Rosenkranz

course covers basic horsemanship skill, riding skills, knowledge of disabilities, and teaching abilities. The entire process can take up to 18 months to complete. For information on the IIT program visit their website at www.reinsof life.org.

For more information on volunteering at Reins of Life in Michigan City, please contact Nancy Hansen at 219.326.6524 or by email at

rn Hansen@comcast.net. Students can also visit PNC's Center for Service Learning and Leadership to find information on other volunteer opportunities in the community and in the class room. Students can stop by the office, located in the basement of LSF, or contact the center's coordinator, Laura Weaver at 219.785.5742 or by email, lweaver@pnc.edu.

Be Careful Where You Park on Campus

Rachel Skenandore
Staff Writer

This semester parking seems to be overwhelming with the influx of new and returning students. As a student or faculty member, the time-consuming search for a spot could cause one to be late, creating a very awkward moment. Normally parking becomes more available the second or third week after the beginning of the semester. However, it appears that the parking problem has not yet alleviated this semester.

There was an incident I recently overheard involving a handicap tagged vehicle that was

parked in the reserved "A" permit parking. Apparently, all of the handicap spots were filled at the time. The Purdue North Central Police allowed the handicap tagged vehicle to park in the posted "A" parking without issuing the standard ticket to the driver. Yet, the PNC Police have been seen clocking vehicles parked in the 30-minute area.

It might seem harsh of the police to enforce parking regulations; however, they are present on campus to implement the university's policies, safety, and order. A majority of students are not aware of the cost for parking violations even though

they are posted on the PNC website. They are as follows:

- Posted "A" Parking Only \$15
- Violation of Reserved Space \$25
- Posted Handicapped Only \$50
- Moving Violation \$25
- Yellow Curb \$10
- Displaying Lost Permit \$35
- No Parking Area \$10
- Line Straddling \$10
- 30-Minute Area (for more than 30 minutes) \$10

It is a good idea to immediately notify the PNC police at 219.785.5220 if you are forced to use an unauthorized parking spot in order to avoid being issued a



ticket: which are not as costly as city tickets, but are still expensive

and can be very stressful to those on a limited budget.

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Student Opinions

Many businesses like you to think that they are Veteran Friendly. But the question arises whether they truly are; or only use this as a mask to promote themselves.

We can look at Wal-Mart for example. I know many vets think that they should get discounts, and it's understandable that Wal-Mart can't give them out, but it seems that they really don't help out vets at all.

When I was injured in Iraq, I underwent multiple surgeries and was given a temporary handicap parking tag when I returned home. I went to Wal-Mart and pulled into the handicap parking. When I got out, an employee starting ranting at me that I wasn't able to park there because I had no disability and that I was too young.

Still limping and still in pain, I explained my reasons for parking there. They finally had to call a manager who told me though I was a veteran, he felt that I was young, able to walk, and needed to save the place for an elderly person.

How interesting to think that vets are appreciated, but in reality, we are really only used for publicity to make business grow.

Submitted by A PNC Veteran

Have YOUR Voice Heard!



Do you have an opinion about something on or off campus that you would like to express? This space is where you can share YOUR Voice with the PNC student body by submitting your opinion of 200 words or less on our website www.thepncvoice.com. Simply click on the link entitled **Letters to the Editor** and you can see yourself in print NEXT MONTH!

Life, Liberty, and a Lesson in Punctuality

Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

Early this morning you were phoned personally by the President, requesting that you perform a special covert mission that you are not at liberty to discuss. After accepting the mission and hanging up the phone, you look down to discover that, through the course of the night, your legs have fused together and have grown shimmering, green scales.

You slither out of bed and head for the kitchen to call the President back; this may, after all, change his mind about his choice in special covert mission operatives. You pass the hall mirror on the way to the kitchen. Wouldn't you know, your face has grown a thick beard...a beard covering your chin, cheeks, forehead, nose, and ears. Whether this occurred before or after the fusing and scaling of your legs, you're not sure. You call the President.

"Sir, I regret to inform you that..."

"Hello? What's going on here?!"

"It's me, sir, you just called to...um..."

You slowly realize that you are speaking fluent Latin, and can't



seem to remember how to speak English. Despite all of this, you complete your mission, save the day, and silently and politely slide through the door of your 9:30 a.m. class at PNC only five minutes late! You quietly take out your notebook and begin taking notes.

Hardly anyone has noticed your entrance.

If only I could believe this was the case. It is more than likely true that you drank too much last night and couldn't force yourself out of bed in time to mosey on over to class. Or, perhaps, you were in the cafeteria talking to the bros about how great the party was last night, dude, and how you drank too much. Or maybe, after too much drinking...well, never mind. Your excuse probably isn't good. Now I have to spend the next 10 minutes picturing myself strangling you while the rest of my fellow dedicated students cheer and throw money at me.

It's bad enough that you come in late; you have to noisily shuffle every single book and folder around in your bag. Then you have to drop your pencil three or four times, and your cell phone

goes off.

"Wait, professor, when is the quiz again?" you loudly exclaim. If you would have been here 37 seconds ago, you would have known the quiz is on Tuesday, and I wouldn't have to picture the two of us in a gladiator tournament, fighting in hand to hand mortal combat in front of the whole school. And I am the lion.

You are an adult. You know that you are late. Take your book and pen out of your bag before you walk in the door. Turn your cell phone off, too. I know that being late to class is sometimes inevitable. There are legitimate excuses. There are also polite and courteous ways to avoid interrupting the entire class because of your misfortunes. I know that there are important obligations outside of school; we all have them. I just have a hard time believing that three or four people out of every class get frequently called by the President to perform confidential operations.

World Forests in Danger (Not What You Think)

Aram Arden
Staff Writer

I genuinely feel sorry for many of today's mainstream environmentalists. The majority are sincere, hard-working, self-sacrificing individuals with a heartfelt and benevolent interest in the future of humanity, the life of the planet, and the planet itself. The sad fact is that they are so often mislead into expending their considerable energies and funds in vain efforts to patch up problems that are often semi-superficial. All

the while, dreadful actions are being perpetrated against the environment that could be easily stopped if detected early enough and with the force of concentrated opposition applied to them.

These actions are often unknown to the majority of activists; I would class them as "Stealth Environmental Terrorism." Picture a man asking his friend if he looked well prepared for a job interview; the friend informs him that his tie needs straightening, while missing the fact that the man had forgotten his pants. That is how I envision the nature of this problem.

Of the many different, grievous and yet little known threats facing our environment (and consequently our future and the future of our offspring) today, I have chosen to briefly glance at the great danger posed by...

ready?... genetically-modified trees. You've likely heard some discussion of genetically-modified food before, and that it could be potentially dangerous/environmentally destructive (and that's a subject one would do well to research); however, the chances are



relatively slim that you have heard anything about genetically-engineered trees before, or the terrifying possibilities they present.

I will now enumerate just some of the primary "purposes" of genetically-engineered trees, and the problems they present.

Reduced Lignin: Lignin is a complex chemical compound that contributes to the firmness of wood. It needs to be removed from pulp before paper can be made, which is an expensive process. However, reducing the amount of lignin present in a tree would cause a dead tree to rot much faster, contributing to global warming. But that's the least scary prospect...

Trees Containing Herbicide Within Themselves (AKA Killer Trees): It shouldn't be too hard to figure out why this is a bad idea. Some insect species will completely die off, while others will grow resistant to herbicides: A lose/lose scenario for life on the planet.

Roundup-Ready Trees: Perhaps the primary "reason" for genetically-engineering trees (and

other vegetation)... Monsanto makes a hearty profit from the destruction of our future. However, the greatest danger of all posed by the concept of genetically-modified trees is the threat of spreading contamination to native natural species. In order to mollify this, the trees are designed to be sterile. This makes the detrimental capacity of the trees far greater however, as their sterility cannot be 100% guaranteed.

Here's the picture: A forest of genetically-modified trees, the vast majority of which are sterile, producing their own herbicide. Being sterile, the trees provide no food for small mammals; most insects cannot survive the herbicides. However, a few specimens are fertile. Tree pollen can travel literally hundreds of miles, contaminating natural trees FAR away.

The end result: a spreading, lifeless forest infecting the globe. There are already several experimental trees here in the United States... if someone doesn't act quickly, this nightmare scenario is sure to become a reality.

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"The Last Exorcism" Reviews at 4 out of 5 Stars

Aram Arden
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Utilizing the style of cinematography made familiar to the horror genre by "The Blair Witch Project" and, more recently, "Paranormal Activity," "The Last Exorcism" is unlikely to appeal to those that insist on big-budget Hollywood-blockbuster production values.

The comparison between these films stops there, however, as "The Last Exorcism" neither leads the viewer into ever mounting frustration to leave him or her as disappointed as a Sopranos fan

after the series finale ala Blair Witch, nor possess the slow-moving episodic nature of "Paranormal Activity."

Instead, this film manages to be a tight, moderately fast-paced chiller with lots of surprising twists; while brilliantly utilizing the single-camera technique to jarringly juxtapose a sense of everyday reality with disturbing material.

Without giving away any of the surprises, the premise is as follows: Cotton Marcus is a charlatan preacher who is highly skeptical of the reality of demons/possession. However, he performs exorcisms for the sake of money (replete with pre-planted sound devices making demon noises in the spirit of a fake medium) for those who believe that they are possessed. He also believes his exorcisms have a sort of placebo effect on the mental illness of the subjects.

After hearing of a botched exorcism which kills a ten-year-old boy, Marcus (the father of a young son himself) does an about face and decides to expose the art of exorcism as a fraud. Inviting a film producer and a cameraman to accompany him, he responds to a letter requesting his assistance, intending to perform one final filmed exorcism in order to expose the practice via the film. The subject of the exorcism is a teenage girl living in Louisiana with her very troubled father. After a while, it becomes apparent that the girl is either dangerously psychotic or is actually demon-possessed.

You'll have to watch it yourself to find out more! While this film definitely has no crossover appeal to non-horror fans, and may even be dismissed by many fans of the genre who simply have no taste for the camera technique, horror aficionados who like their horror

straight-up and aren't off-put by the low budget technique are likely to be thrilled by this one. Acting highlights include Ashley Bell as Nell Sweetzer and Louis Herthum as Louis Sweetzer. 4 of 5 stars.

Pairs well with: "House of the Devil" (2009). If you're searching for a full night of terror, try coupling "The Last Exorcism" with this excellent (sadly underappreciated) thriller. It features an awesome retro production and is one of the finest horror films of the past decade.

PNC Students Visit Peru: Students Reflect on the Summer 2010 Trip Abroad

PNC students and community members (19 in all with 2 faculty member) spent almost three weeks in Peru this summer from June 8 to 27. Participants visited the downtown colonial district as well as the modern Miraflores and

Larco districts as well as the Universidad Catolica. Students also spent several days in the north of Peru visiting several pre-Incan archaeological sites, the fishing village of Huanchaco, exhibitions of traditional dance, an ecological re-

serve, a rural school and a typical home where workshops were held demonstrating the preparation of guinea pig, chicha (corn beer) and adobe bricks.

Participants also took a boat to see the marine wildlife at Paracas,

before going on to Nazca where they took planes to see the enigmatic Nazca lines. Finally, PNC in Peru participants went to the highlands where they visited Puno, Lake Titicaca, and the Uros floating islands before heading to

Cuzco. Students spent five days in Cuzco, visiting Incan sites, such as Ollantaytambo, Sacsahuayman, the Valley of the Incas, the celebrations of Inti Raymi and one of the Seven Wonders of the World, Machu Picchu.



"Going to Peru was an amazing and unforgettable experience. The sites were unbelievable and the friendships made during the trip will truly last a lifetime!"

-Michelle
Ossmann

"I've traveled the United States, but never abroad. I expected this trip to be a 10 out of 10, and (by far) it surpassed my expectations!!"

-Joseph Duron

"I really like Lake Titicaca and Machu Picchu. Even though I have been to many places in the world, I still think they are gorgeous."

-Flavia Lee-
Cheng

"Dr. Kincaid and Prof. Ziegenfuss put together a trip that was a once in a lifetime experience. I could never have on my own experienced any country in three weeks to the extent that we experienced Peru - it is a trip that if it were even possible to do on one's own it would take months to cover what we did. Due to their familiarity with the country we were able to do things a tourist would never have exposure to: family, archeologists, a pachamanca, ruins, museums, Inti Raymi, Machu Picchu, the Andes, food and more. An opportunity that should not be missed if offered again."

-Kelly Moser

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PNC's Dr. Thomas Brady Earns Great Lakes Maritime Grant

Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

Dr. Thomas Brady is an associate professor of Industrial Engineering Technology here at Purdue University North Central. He is also the chair of the Department of Engineering Technology on campus. He holds B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in Industrial Engineering from Purdue University.

The Great Lake Maritime Research Institute has given Dr. Brady a grant to study the practicality of using a ferry to haul tractor-trailers across Lake Michigan. Brady has analyzed the use of ferries and believes that they be effective to ease traffic congestion on the major highways. He pointed out that these ferries are used effectively on Lake Eerie as well.

The Great Lakes Maritime Research Institute (GLMRI) was founded in 2004 to pursue re-

search efforts in marine transportation. The GLMRI has given Dr. Brady a one-year research period, in which Brady plans to utilize PNC students to support his work. "There has been a lot of interest generated in the project so far. I think it's going to go great!" said Dr. Brady.

Dr. Brady has been very successful throughout his career. He has also earned the Lugar Energy Patriot Award in 2009. The Lugar Energy Patriot Award is an award recognizing outstanding Hoosiers who have taken action to promote feasible energy production in America.

"My job deals with how we do more with less, or much more with more. Technology is not the problem," he explained. "It's scaling things up so you can use it. We need to get green things into the hands of every Hoosier. That's the big challenge."

Brady also won the Most Influ-



Dr. Thomas Brady

ential Instructor for the PNC MBA Program by the graduating class of 2007. He was selected by the fourteen graduates of the MBA program to have been the most influential professor throughout their program. Brady was also presented with the Outstanding Professor Award during the August 2010 commencement ceremony. He joined the faculty here at PNC in August of 1998, and has obviously had a great impact on students during their journey here at PNC.

News Correspondent Lisa Ling Opens the 2010-11 Sinai Forum at Elston Middle School

Vensa Bukur
Contributor

September 12 marked the opening of PNC's Sinai Forum, featuring news correspondent Lisa Ling. The presentation, titled "Lisa Ling on Assignment," was the first in a series of presentations that will take place at Elston Middle School in Michigan City.

offer such insight and information to our students on their own area of expertise."

Besides urging students to question what they see and hear in the media and be aware of current issues, Ling sent another message to students: "She highly recommends not texting and driving!" said PNC sophomore student Olga Pecanac. "She was so inspirational



Ling, an ABC contributor and Oprah Winfrey correspondent, spoke to PNC students and community members about her experiences on location abroad, as well as her personal struggle to free her sister from imprisonment in North Korea. "She really wants people to know what's going on in the world," said PNC freshman Justin Knoll. "She's reporting on drug cartels and Chinese orphans – stories that people really don't think about because it's not in the news. It really gives you a different view of the world." Knoll graduated from La Lumiere, a college-preparatory high school in La Porte, and is majoring in biology and pre-veterinary science at PNC.

Ling was chosen to speak at the Sinai Forum because of her expertise and experience, according to Wendy Levenfeld, who coordinates the Sinai Forum here at PNC. "Lisa Ling was a great choice because she spoke about very important topics often ignored by the media, and her personal experiences with Kim Jong Il, leader of North Korea, when trying to secure the release of her sister being held in prison there," said Levenfeld. "Our students attending received an inside look at a powerful and dangerous world leader that could be gotten nowhere else. All of our speakers

– she speech was so heartfelt and the emotion was so evident. She had a great presence, and was so approachable after her presentation!" Pecanac, a native of Croatia, graduated from Westville High School and is now studying business marketing.

In addition to working for Oprah and ABC Ling was a correspondent for National Geographic and Channel One News, where she investigated the notorious M-13 gang, reported on Indian bride burning, and investigated infamous US prisons. After a two year stint on The View, Ling headed back overseas to cover the war on terror and other issues in the Middle East.

With incredible experiences and the ability to get her message across to young people, Ling has gained popularity in the last few years. "Lisa Ling enlightened everyone with her life experiences at the Sinai forum. I was very inspired, and her story was touching," said PNC student Janelle Taylor.

The Sinai forum will continue with a presentation from Bill Strickland, entrepreneur extraordinaire. Admittance for PNC students is free. For additional information, visit www.sinaiforum.org

Don't Forget Your Minor

Rachel Skenandore
Staff Writer

The importance of a minor seems to be overlooked at Purdue University North Central. Not all students will continue their education to receive a Master's degree after obtaining their Bachelor's. In some vocations, a minor could make them a more desirable candidate. Kelci Lynn, a writer for About.com, offered the example of an individual "who may be majoring in business management but minoring in women's studies ... [applying at] a non-profit [company] that focuses on women's issues" as surpassing other less qualified applicants.

There are some fields that will

overlap in the professional world; for instance, a major in Human Resources coupled with a minor in accounting or ethnic studies could greatly assist in helping a graduate with job placement. Also, the minor would allow said candidate to be able to target a specific area while also having the option to be broader. Lynn further stated that a minor would expand the field in which a teacher could instruct in.

There were some new minors added at PNC since 2009, such as Ethnic Studies and History (with exception to the latter, minors can be found at www.pnc.edu/catalog). According to the Enrollment Services at Purdue North Central, if the minor being sought is not available, some department heads

will allow and guide students on creating said minor.

As mentioned above, a minor in history was recently added to the PNC roster over the summer. At the same time the requirements for entrance into Purdue Calumet's Master's Program for History increased from 12 required credit hours in history at the 100 level to a mandatory minor in history (itself requiring four 300 level courses in history). In cases where a minor is being sought for the purpose of entrance into a Master's Program, be sure to periodically check to see if the requirement for that program has changed.

The Voice Welcomes Our New Co-Adviser Phil Potempa



Phil Potempa

Philip Potempa is a daily newspaper columnist for The Times of Northwest Indiana and Illinois and read by more than

100,000 readers each day.

A faculty member in the communication department at Purdue North Central for the past decade, he has also published three books based on his newspaper columns, including the just released May 2010 "Further From the Farm: Family Recipes and Memories of a Lifetime."

He is also a faculty member teaching journalism courses at Valparaiso University, where he graduated in 1992 and served as the managing editor of the VU campus newspaper The Torch.

In March 2008, he joined the cast of director Michael Mann's film for Universal Pictures "Public Enemies," starring Johnny Depp

as John Dillinger, filmed on location in Wisconsin and Crown Point. For his role playing a newspaper reporter grilling Depp aka Dillinger with questions following his arrest and booking at the Crown Point Jail, Potempa wore a fedora hat once owned by legendary Hearst Newspapers syndicated gossip columnist Walter Winchell. The film was released in July 2009.

When not at his desk in the newsroom or lecturing in a classroom, Philip divides his time between his family's farm in San Pierre, Ind. and his home in Chicago.

Lady Gaga Sports A Gown Made Out Of Meat In Protest Supporting Homosexual's Rights

Samantha Walbright
Contributor

Lady Gaga took the stage at the 2010 Video Music Awards (VMA) wearing her Prime Cut Dress. She went on to win eight awards including the Video of The Year for her performance in the smash hit "Bad Romance."

However, the focus of the night was not on the fact that Lady Gaga left with so many awards, but rather on the political statement that her dress made. She sported not only a dress made completely out of meat, but also had the shoes, purse, and hat to match.

Gaga claimed that "It is a devastation to me that I know my fans who are gay ... feel like they have governmental oppression on them. That's actu-

ally why I wore the meat tonight."

She later commented, "As you know, I am the most judgment-free human being on the earth. It has many interpretations, but for me this evening, it's 'If we don't stand up for what we believe in, we don't fight for our rights, pretty soon we're gonna have as much rights as the meat on our bones.'"

At a rally in Portland, Maine, the singer decided to further voice her opinions when she called out two Republican senators, Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe, on their positions on the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy. This policy prohibits gay men and woman from serving in the military openly. Gaga along with many other protestors feel that it is unfair.

"We are not asking you to agree with or approve the moral implications of homosexuality" she said. "We're asking you to do your job, to protect the Constitution ... I have called both of the senators that operate in my district. I will not stop calling until I reach them and I can leave them this message: 'I am a constituent of the senator; my name is Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta, also known as Lady Gaga. I'm calling to ask the senator to vote with Senators Reid and Levin to repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell and oppose John McCain's shameless filibuster. We need to do this for our gay and lesbian soldiers, and finally repeal 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell.' Will her efforts be effortless?"



World News Update: The Month of September in Review

Aram Arden
Staff Writer

Here are just a few of the important world news items you may have overlooked in the past month:

Heavy fighting broke out between Islamic and government forces in the Somalian capital of Mogadishu, resulting in tens of thousands of displaced people to date.

Flooding in Pakistan caused a tremendous disaster with approximately a fifth of the country underwater at one point, 21 million people homeless or injured, and \$43 billion in costs.

France has come under criticism for the removal of hundreds of Roma from the country, as well as for banning the burqa.

On September 1, frustrations with the seemingly endless fighting between the Israelis and Palestinians manifested on both sides as the Palestinian Authority arrested over 250 Hamas members and 150 Israeli academics boycott Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

Though the heat wave in Russia was prominent news, the fact that Japan experienced its hottest summer on record was essentially over-looked.

On September 10, the Deepwater Horizon spill of earlier in the summer began to show its effect as the carcasses of countless thou-

sands of dead fish and other sea creatures were reported floating on the water of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. The astonishing sight must be seen to fully grasp the effects. Imagery of the disaster can be found posted online by the local Times in New Orleans (www.nola.com/news/index.ssf/2010/09/huge_fish_kill_reported_in_pla.html).

On September 12, a constitutional referendum was held in Turkey, with 58% of voters supporting changes in the Turkish constitution. These changes were in part designed to help enable Turkey to eventually join the European Union.

In the United States, in spite of statements recently made alleging that the recession is now over with, banks foreclosed on 95,364 properties in the month of August and issued a default notice to 96,469 homes. Real estate data company RealtyTrac's vice president Rick Sharga stated that conditions were unlikely to improve through the end of 2013.

On September 21, as U.S. Presidential advisor John Brennan visited Yemen to go over a military aid package worth over \$1 billion over the next five years, Yemeni forces launched an assault against rebels in the south of the nation. This action has resulted in 15,000 civilians fleeing Shabwa province.

THE GREAT SEARCH FOR EMPLOYMENT ON OCTOBER 12, 2010

Rachel Skenandore
Staff Writer

The Office of Career Development and the Center for Service Learning & Leadership have partnered this semester to sponsor a combined event called the Fall Opportunity Fair. The Opportunity Fair will include government agencies, local non-profits and business organizations that will be featuring employment, volunteer and service learning opportunities. The fair will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the LSF building and is open to the public.

Opportunity seekers can preregister for the fair and see the most up-to-date list of the organizations that are coming by logging onto www.pnc.edu/opportunity_fair. Attendees are encouraged to research the organizations that interest them and to bring multiple copies of their resume to the event. Additionally, the Opportunity Fair does have

dress requirements that attendees will be asked to abide by. For this event, attendees must come prepared and dressed for an interview, which means no jeans, t-shirts, sneakers, ball caps or clothing that would otherwise be considered inappropriate in a professional setting.

Students are encouraged to attend a pre-fair workshop lead by Purdue Alumnus Theresa Valade, CEO of Successtrek, a business consultation firm that specializes in organizational development and strategic team building. Valade will be presenting "Preparing Yourself to Pursue that Job" on October 6, at 4 p.m. in Tech 37. The program will cover the following:

- How to appropriately express interest in an employer
- How to dress for success in a professional environment
- How to properly introduce yourself
- The preparation and delivery of an elevator speech
- The Use of eye contact
- Follow ups, second impressions, and consistency
- The basics of professional

networking

The Office of Career Development at PNC provides career and job search services to Purdue students and alumni. As a bridge from college life to the world of work, it is their mission to support the exploration of career and academic options, the development of job search skills and to facilitate connections between employers and students that lead to successful outcomes and satisfying futures.

The Center for Service Learning & Leadership was established in May 2008 to support the service learning efforts of university faculty, coordinate university-wide volunteer and community service activities, encourage the development of campus-community partnerships, and collaborate with other university departments to help further the development of our students.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations at this event should contact the Office of Career Development at 219.785.5451.

ASK SAM



SEND YOUR Q'S
TO THEVOICE@PNC.EDU
C/O SAM THE SIAMESE

Dear Sam,
I am a 19-year-old college student, and soon I'll be living with a roommate of the opposite sex. My friends are telling me they think we'll end up in a relationship, but I'm not interested in anything but a friendship. I want to keep my relationship with him totally platonic. What's the best way to do this?

Freshman from LaPorte

Dear Freshman,
The best way to do this would probably be to tell your roommate what's up from the very start. Then, it's important that you make an effort not to do certain things when you're around him. If you have a tendency to be flirty, out-going, or touch-feely with guys, then you'll have to make extra sure not to start sending him "mixed messages." Don't forget

me like you..." Talk about your boyfriends and love interests, and keep a respectable distance from each other inside the dwelling. If this doesn't work, don't forget that University Park Apartments will match PNC students with a roommate of the SAME sex.

Sam the Siamese

that guys can interpret anything into "she wants me."

Don't wear revealing clothes, or pajamas, and try investing in a nice big robe and some flannel pajamas. And don't say things like, "you look nice tonight" or "man, I wish I could find a guy like you."

Especially avoid statements like, "no one listens to

Beef Stew: Cheap and Phenomemal, Yet So Easy Even a College Student Can Make It!

Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

I designed this recipe with a few things in mind: low price, ease of construction, and taste. This is a delicious stew that won't empty your wallet. Let's begin!

What you will need:

2 pounds of cheap roasting meat, cubed. (I got mine for about \$5.)
1 can/package of beef stock, 16 oz or so.

1 onion (Any kind or size will do. If you like a lot of onion- like me- get a huge one.)

1 can/bottle of beer (Come on, you have this around anyway. You can use whatever regular ale/lager you want. Steer away from super intense stouts or IPAs, they will taste funny in a stew. Whatever you use, you'll need about 12 oz of it.)

A few tablespoons of flour (Any kind.)

A few tablespoons of oil (Olive, canola, whatever.)

Salt and pepper.

THAT'S IT! There are other options to make it utterly unbelievable, but if you get just these things you will have a delicious, write-home-to-mom meal on your hands.

1: Brown the meat over high heat. Put maybe a tablespoon of oil in the pan, and cook until the meat is golden brown. You're not cooking the meat through, just browning the outside. Work in batches to not crowd the pan. Set meat aside. Leave the "burned" bits in the pot!

2: IMPORTANT. Take just a little bit of your beef stock (about ¼ cup) and pour it into the pot. Stir up those little bits. This is what makes the difference between OK

stew and GREAT stew. Those are little flavor crystals are called "fond." This is actually a French technique, so you can impress your friends. Pour off this mixture and save.

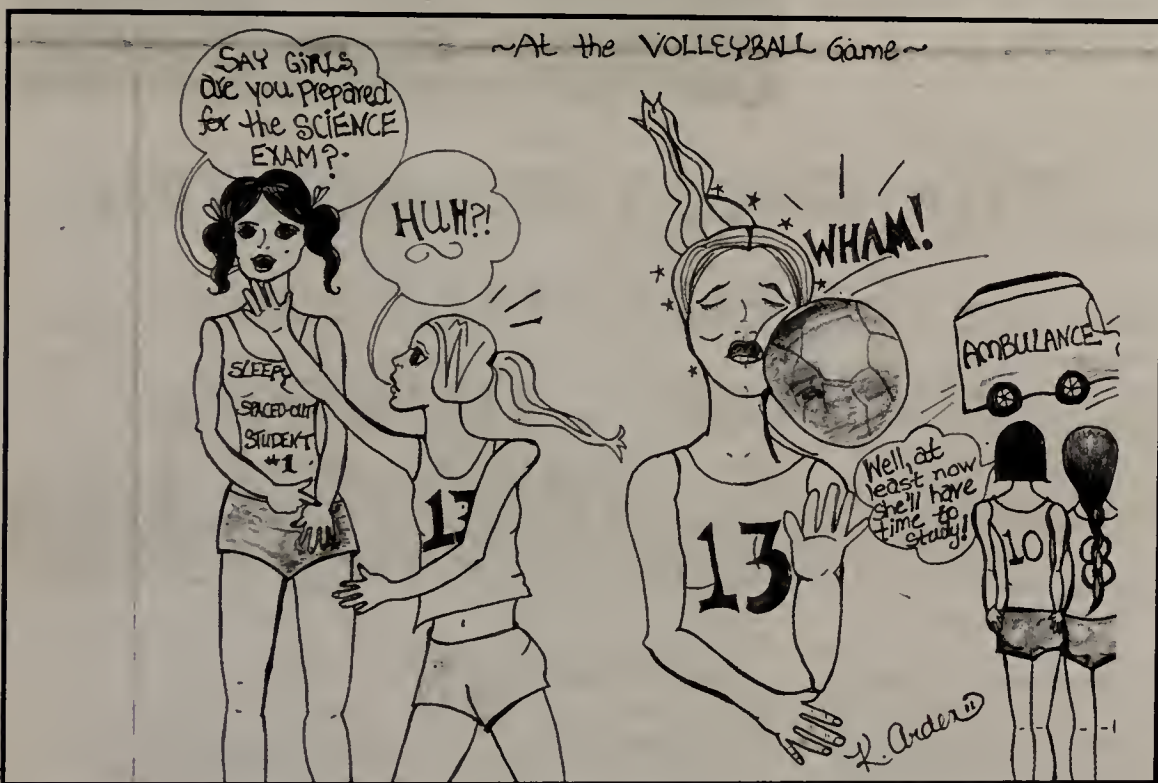
3: Cut up the onion. Any size is fine. Cook the onion in oil at about medium heat for 10-15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Browning is the goal, don't burn it.

4: Add the rest of the stock, meat, beer, and bowl of flavor bits. Stir. Then, sprinkle in the flour, while stirring with your other hand. Don't stir, and you'll have clumps. Gross.

5: Now would be the time to add any extras, if you like. I use a Tbs or two of soy sauce and Worcestershire sauce, 2 tsp of onion powder, 1 tsp of garlic powder, fresh ground pepper, and a few cloves of chopped fresh garlic. BE SURE to wait until all seasoning is done to add salt. Soy sauce especially contains a lot of salt. If you aren't careful, you can accidentally add too much.

6: Just wait. You will need to let it simmer for an hour or two. Mine took just under two hours. The great thing about homemade stew is, you get to control how thick it is! Is Grandma's stew thick and gluey? Mom's stew thin and watery? Now you are in control. Just simmer until it's the way you like it.

You can change this recipe any way, really, to fit your tastes. Serve it over rice, couscous, mashed potatoes, toast, biscuits, hashed browns... The great thing is, during stewing time you can do something else! Let me know how you like it, dhuntb00@gmail.com.



Cartoon by Karen Arden

In Case You Weren't There: The World History of October

Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

In 2006, Google bought Youtube.com for \$1.6 BILLION DOLLARS! (Everyone raise your pinky to your mouth) Remember the days when you could buy things for a penny? Well in 1802, you certainly could! That was also the year that the state of Oklahoma was first settled by a non-Indian man. Our very own Dr. Jerry Holt grew up in Oklahoma. And he's always so well dressed.

Speaking of well dressed, in 1886 James Potter wore a particularly dashing getup to a dinner party. His fellow patrons of the

luxurious Tuxedo Club were so impressed with his attire that they began to copy his style. Thus, the tuxedo was born! I wonder when rich folk will take the urban cue and start leaving the price tags on their suits to really show their social authority?

Speaking of authority, it was on Halloween in 1992 that Pope John Paul II officially admitted error on the part of the Catholic Church in persecuting Galileo Galilei. The Catholic Church has a long history of dealing with pressing matters in a fair and speedy manner. The Galileo case was no exception. The Church admitted fault and overturned Galileo's court ruling

after only 359 years. Perhaps the U.S. court system should read a few chapters out of the Catholic Church's book!

Speaking of books, it was also in 1992, AND in October, that Madonna released her highly controversial book, "Sex." I found this to be said about "Sex" on Wikipedia: "Warner Bros. Records and Time Warner executives were reluctant to allow Madonna to create such a book, and although they eventually gave her permission [for 'Sex'], they remained greatly opposed to the idea [of 'Sex']." Hmm...reluctant compliance with a lingering feeling of regret...have other people ever felt

that way after "Sex"?

Do you know what other mammal is said to enjoy sex? Dolphins! Apparently, they enjoy other things too, like covert military operations. In October of 1987, trained dolphins were first used by the U.S. Navy to protect military divers and sea vessels. According to the U.S. Navy Marine Mammal Program website, dolphins are still used to this day to "...detect, locate and mark mines so human divers can deal with them appropriately before they damage or sink military or civilian ships, and they can also detect and mark enemy swimmers who pose a threat to people, ves-

sels, and harbor facilities." Dolphins naturally have the most advanced sonar in the world, and also don't suffer any ill effects when repeatedly diving to and returning from great depths. Don't worry, the Navy has to abide by all federal regulations for proper treatment of animals. Let's hope other countries don't offer them more money for our military information! Dolphins have a pretty sophisticated system of communication, I hear.

There you have it. October is a month of sex, science, fashion, and trailblazing! Sounds like all the ingredients for a...well, a pretty strange movie.

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'Batman' and 'Robin' Are Putting On a Show for the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals

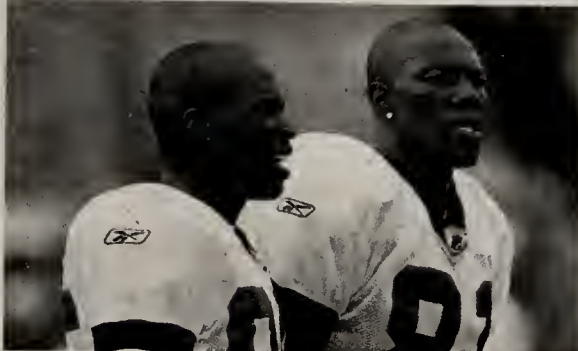
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Sports Writer

Wide receiver Terrell Owens (T.O.) signed to play for the Cincinnati Bengals starting the 2010 season. Owens signed a one-year, \$2 million dollar contract and called the Bengals his "dream team." The Bengals was his first pick, and he has since expressed eagerness to make Cincinnati his last stop. Playing for the Bengals also gave Owens the chance to play football with his good friend, Chad Ochocinco, who is also a wide receiver for the team. The two have now tagged themselves

as "Batman and Robin."

T.O. (Batman) and Ochocinco (Robin) are projected to be outstanding players for the Bengals this season. T.O. ranks third in all-time receiving yards and touchdowns in the NFL. Chad Ochocinco is at the top of the Bengals all-time list in catches and receiving yards as well. He is the only player to lead his conference in receiving yards for four consecutive seasons from 2003 to 2006. Both players have raw talent and are predicted to be

an aggressive combination for the Bengals this fall. The team's of-



fense is going to be very dangerous this year.

Both T.O. and Ochocinco have big egos that shine on the televi-

sion screen. With Terrell Owens and Chad Ochocinco both playing for the Bengals, there should never be a dull moment when either of them reaches the end zone. These two men are attention-craving players who show off their dance moves when scoring a touchdown. They have both had their fair share of fines from the NFL for this as well. Touchdown celebrations should be in full force for the Bengals this season to say the least.

T.O. has his own reality televi-

sion show on Vh1 called "The T.O. Show." Ochocinco also has his own reality television show on Vh1 called "Ochocinco: The Ultimate Catch." The duo now has a combined reality television show on Versus called "The T.Ocho Show," which is a thirty-minute talk show discussing sports and pop culture. The show is coming from the perspectives of two professional athletes who can discuss topics that don't get talked about in the mainstream media. 'Batman' and 'Robin' are two players that will be seen in the media frequently this season.

On the Prowl:

Lady Panthers are off to their best volleyball season EVER!

Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

The Purdue University North Central's volleyball team has had an outstanding season so far. The team started the season out as tournament champions at the Concordia University Ann Arbor Tournament.

This is the first time that the PNC volleyball team has ever won the Concordia tournament, making this the best start to a season in history!

The team hosted their first home game of the season against the Moody Bible Institute. The Lady Panthers went on to beat the Moody Bible Institute all three

games that weekend, making the PNC volleyball team's record 5-0.

Offensively, PNC was led by Emily Mozwez who had 13 kills and 10 digs; and Tamra Schmucker who had 11 kills, 1 solo block, and 2 block assists. The Lady Panthers have played in several matches since their first home game, and their record now stands at 15-5 overall and 1-2 in the Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The PNC volleyball team is off to the best start in the program's history. The Voice would like to congratulate the volleyball team players and coaching staff for a great start to the season!



PNC Contends at the United Way's Dodgeball Tournament

Brianna Armato
Sports Writer

Did you know the United Way of Laporte County hosted it's 1st annual Dodgeball Tournament on Saturday, September 25th at the Laporte Civic Auditorium?

United Way gave local companies and agencies a chance to play against one another in order to raise money for the United Way of Laporte County. They sold over 600 tickets to help benefit various organizations throughout the county.

It was a good turnout, they had karate demonstrations, the Michigan City Soul Steppers came to perform during inter-

mission. Before the event began, LaPorte Regional Hospital gave free bone density tests and blood pressure checks.

There were sixteen total teams including PNC. The teams were: LaPorte Hospital, St. Anthony Memorial Hospital, UPS, PNC, Local Ironworkers and the I.B.E.W., Blue Chip Casino, United Way, LP City Government, MC Government, AL's Supermarket, Horizon Bank of MC Fiberbond, LP Savings Bank, News Dispatch & Sullair.

LaPorte Hospital won the tournament! All of the teams were also competing for a best uniform competition in order to get everyone involved and

pumped up for the event!

During the tournament, you could get food and drinks at the concession and buy United Way Dodgeball themed t-shirts to support and benefit LP county. WIMS AM 1420 radio was broadcasting the event as well as shooting t-shirts into the crowd! There was an outstanding announcer to introduce all of the competing teams as well as a local music artist who sang the National Anthem with great tact.

During the tournament I walked around to do a couple of interviews of a player and a team manager from a company to see what United Way meant to them and the role they played and also how the busi-

ness managers helped in organizing a team out of their employees.

I talked with Gabe Tompkins of UPS Westville, who said, "United Way is a great thing for every community, and it feels good to be able to participate in a local event to help our community and those in it."

Tompkins said that his team had a blast practicing in scrimmages against challenging teams but noted that as competitive as it seemed, they had fun.

I also spoke with the UPS business manager, Sue Dusz, who helped get the team gathered and ready to play in the event. Sue said, "We had a cookout the day Bill Hanna

from United Way came to talk with UPS to try to round up some players from the center."

When I asked Sue what United Way meant to her she claimed, "being a part of the community and helping those who are less fortunate."

There was enthusiasm, sweat, and tough teams at the 1st annual event. United Way hopes to have this every year, making it easy for those who want to give to the community a chance to do so--it is a great opportunity and it is most important to become aware of local events in the area so that you, too can help out!

For further information visit www.unitedwaylpc.org.

Self Study for the Higher Learning Commission's Visit in April 2010

Dr. Linda Duttlinger
Director of Accreditation and Assessment

In April of 2011, PNC will host a routine, comprehensive visit by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association. In preparation for that visit, a campus committee has been writing a Self Study. The contents of the Self Study are dictated by the HLC through their Criteria for Accreditation. The five Criteria cover almost every aspect of the campus and show the interest the HLC has in the operation of the institution. Under each Criterion are Core Component topics. This expands the original Criterion and provides an outline for the Self Study. (Before we go any further, the reader needs to know that Criterion is singular and Criteria is plural.)

Criterion One *Mission and Integrity*

- 1) a. Mission Documents are Clear and Articulate
- b. Recognition of Diversity in the Mission
- c. Support and Understanding for the Mission
- d. Governance Structure to Fulfill the Mission

e. Protecting Institutional Integrity

This Criterion and its companion Core Components are based on the Mission of Purdue North Central. In 2008, the current campus Strategic Plan was written. At that time, the mission statement was reviewed and rewritten. A Mission statement used to be a single long and convoluted sentence. That has evolved into a collection of statements, values and vision sentences that give a broader and more complete look at the campus. The Vision statement of Purdue North Central is an excellent summation of our mission:

Purdue University North Central will become the regional center of excellence for education, information, economic development and culture.

Criterion Two

Future Planning

- 2) a. Future Preparation
- b. Resource Base
- c. Assessment of Institutional Effectiveness
- d. Planning and Mission

This Criterion looks at the campus resources. There are three kinds of resources— human, financial and physical. Remember

that the last time a Visiting Team was here was in April of 2001. Since then PNC has grown in all three areas. The physical resources are the easiest to point to— the Valparaiso campus, the many remodeled areas of the three academic buildings and the water tower. The campus has gained faculty, staff and students. In 2001 there were 3491 students and this semester there are 4,614. That is a growth of 1,123 or 32%. The financial resources need to reflect the current economic difficulties. That is one area the HLC Team will know all about. All HLC evaluators are professors and staff of other institutions of higher learning.

Criterion Three

Student Learning and Effective Teaching

- 3) a. Learning Outcomes and Effective Assessment
- b. Valuing and Supporting Teaching
- c. Effective Learning Environments
- d. Learning Resources

This Criterion is the one that looks closely at the role PNC plays in the education of its students. What do we expect our students to actually learn? These goals are called "Learning

Outcomes." How does the campus value and support teaching? The art of teaching needs support, encouragement and recognition. What kinds of learning environments do we have? This can mean everything from a nursing clinical to a chalkboard classroom in SWRZ! How many learning resources can you name? Start with the library and the Student Success Center ... and keep going!

Criterion Four

Acquisition, Discovery, and Application of Knowledge

- 4) a. Life of Learning
- b. General Education
- c. Curricula and Learning Outcomes
- d. Research Support

Institutions of Higher Education are supposed to do a lot more than just turn out well prepared graduates. We have an obligation to acquire, discovery and share knowledge. Some of this comes directly from applied research— walk down the Biology hallway in SWRZ for specific examples — but it also comes from discussions with students and faculty. Broadening the horizons for local residents beyond northern Indiana, or exposing students to different ideas is all

part of General Education. There is a difference between "becoming educated" and "getting trained."

Criterion Five

Engagement and Service

- 5) a. Learning and Analyzing Our Capacity to Serve
- b. Commitment to Constituencies
- c. Responsiveness to Constituencies
- d. Value of Service

Purdue North Central does not exist in a vacuum. We have constituents beyond the campus boundaries, beyond La Porte County, beyond Indiana and well beyond the USA! How do we respond to ALL our communities? How do we serve the citizens of the State of Indiana that support us as a public institution? And, how do our constituents value our service? Those are the questions to answer in this criterion.

As the Self Study is being written it is sent to the faculty and staff for review and comments. When the Self Study is complete, it will be made available to the campus community (including students) to read. As a calendar issue, look for the finished product in mid January.

Chesterton's Octave Grill a Must Stop for Diners!

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Staff Writer

The Octave Grill, tucked between Flannery's and the Upper Deck on Calumet Avenue, just opened a little over a month ago in Chesterton.

The menu's main offerings are gourmet, grass-fed beef burgers and a host of other delicious, handmade sandwiches. They also offer several hearty entrees and from-scratch appetizers. All of these can be washed down with a variety of micro-brewery beers (draft and bottles available), homemade mixed drinks, fresh squeezed lemonade, or just a glass of water delivered with a smile. Whatever you choose to delve into your first time at the Octave Grill, you will not be disappointed.

The appetizers include a generous hummus plate served alongside pita bread, olives, and sliced cucumbers, perch cakes, taco tater tots, and buffalo fries covered in a rich bleu cheese sauce. Tasty portions of venison or walleye are available as entrees.

The greater portion of the Octave menu, however, consists of burgers and sandwiches. Try your Tallgrass Beef burger with a slab of fried Fair Oaks Farms cheese. Perhaps some gouda cheese, barbecue sauce and coleslaw are your favored toppings.

Ever wanted to try a grilled bratwurst on top of a burger? The

Octave serves just such a concoction with spicy mustard and sauerkraut. You can always build your own sandwich from their extensive list of meats, toppings,

owners Sylvia and Casey Petro. They told me that they wanted to bring a big-city style restaurant to Chesterton. They are both from the region, and wanted to open a

there is already a growing list of regulars.

"We are a lot busier than we expected," Sylvia told me. Indeed, almost every time I pass there are

but it does have a welcoming atmosphere. Customers find themselves chatting with other patrons as they wait for food. But the wait is never long, unlike some larger restaurants serving dozens of people at a time.

Casey designs the menu items, and Sylvia creates the desserts and cocktails from scratch.

"It's hard to think of things that aren't homemade," Casey said, which not only makes for a better quality and healthier meal, but also helps to keep the prices down. Local, seasonal, and handcrafted menu items are also growing popular around the country, and the duo has brought ideas from their travels back home to share with Northwest Indiana.

I have tried every item described above, and I have never been anything but satisfied. If you want a gourmet meal and do not want to travel or spend all your money to get it, then the Octave Grill should be your next dining destination. Casey and Sylvia would be glad to have you over any time between 3 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 3 p.m. through 12 a.m. on Friday, 12 p.m. through 12 a.m. on Saturday, and 12 p.m. through 10 p.m. on Sunday.



and breads. There is a homemade black bean burger if you wish to shy away from meat.

After dining in several times, I had a chance to sit down with

place in town that they and their friends would love to hang out at. So far, that seems to be the general consensus. With great food and refreshing drinks at a fair price,

satisfied customers inside. We wanted it to be casual so that everyone would feel welcome," she added.

The dining room is a bit small,



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PNC Bookstore's Textbook Rental Program: A success and growing for the next semester!

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

This semester the bookstore began a new program: renting textbooks for classes. According to store manager Susan Pearson, more than 2,200 books were rented out this fall. "PNC students saved over \$105,000 compared to the new book prices," Pearson said.

This substantial savings in dollars reflects the drastic difference between the total rental outlay for a semester and the cost of purchasing a new book outright. According to Pearson, depending on titles, rental costs will range from 40-70 percent off the new book price. And, many rental books are brand new.

Cashier Amanda Osborn pointed out, "Textbooks we rent are off a national rental list and a local rental program." This means that even if the bookstore does not have a certain text

in stock, it still may be possible for the store to special order it for a student.

Another advantage of the new program is that students can feel free write in their rental tome, just as if they owned the it. Highlighting and penned notes are both allowed, and books are not checked for markings upon return. However, some students may not like this, since one can end up renting a book that has already been marked up by a user who takes bad notes.

This semester, over 27 percent of the texts that students received from the bookstore were part of the rental program. As the program grows at PNC, it is expected that more titles will be added. All rentals are due for return on the Friday of the last week of finals. For this coming spring term, the bookstore will open the rental text area on January 3; however, students will be able to reserve their copies online beginning in mid-December.



Amanda Osborn, cashier, stands near the textbook aisles of the bookstore. PHOTO BY SARAH LASSER

National Science Foundation Grant Awarded to PNC Professors

By Dave Hunt
Staff writer

A group of PNC professors recently earned a grant from the National Science Foundation for their project entitled "Connecting Mathematics for Elementary Teachers Type 2: Dissemination, Enhancement, and Research." The group consists of Dr. David Feikes, Professor of Mathematics, Dr. David Pratt, Associate Professor of Education, Dr. Keith Schwingendorf, Dean of College of Science, and Dr. Jeff Gregg, Purdue Calumet Associate Professor of Mathematics Education.

The team will use the grant to further their research of methods to teach math to elementary students. The team will film students learning math so that math teachers can watch how the learning process takes place step by step.

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Free Concert At PNC: A Cappella Group, InPulse, Set to WOW Students

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

The popular group InPulse is returning to PNC. This modern a cappella band, gives voice to a number of music genres: pop, rock, country, and jazz, to name a few. The show is set for noon, Nov. 3, in LSF 144.

Band members include tenor Taylor Baggott, vocal percussionist Andy Miller, baritone Matt McDonald, and bass Ben Rudolph. Baggott writes music, and also moonlights with a blues band. Miller sang with the world renowned Concordia Choir. McDonald is the group's artistic director, and Rudolph teaches vocals and music theory at the Heartland Vocal Camp.

The four group members are all graduates in musical studies, with degrees from St. Olaf College, Concordia College, and Belmont University.

The band first got together in 2003, and by 2006 had released their third album. Since then, the group has concentrated on live performances across the states, including those in their educational outreach program. The band has performed in 500 communities, reaching more than 250,000 students of all ages.

InPulse members attribute the success of their educational outreach to the "Three R's." They work towards "recruiting" kids into their schools, "reenergizing" students to create their own style, and "reinforcing" classical training that can help in everyday activities.

As busy as they are, they have found the time to return to PNC for an afternoon. The group will be performing in LSF 144. For more information on the group, and to purchase their CD, go to www.inpmusic.com.



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PNC Basketball Season Opener

By Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

The Purdue North Central basketball team will be playing their first game of the season on Saturday, November 7 at 7:00p.m. The entrance fee for PNC students is \$3.00. The PNC basketball home games are held at the Civic Auditorium at 1001 Ridge Street in LaPorte. The Civic Auditorium has been open since March of 1930 and has hosted thousands of community events such as athletics, plays, conferences, concerts, dances, parties, and receptions. The PNC basketball team began playing their home games at the Civic

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Student Opinions

By Tacy Fletcher
Contributor

“Didja seed what they did?”

Do you remember the field trips in elementary school better than the lessons taught in the classroom? It is likely that PNC’s Biology 205 class will remember their recent trip to Dunes State Park on Oct 21 as the day that picking all the little sticky burrs from their clothes was not such a bad experience after all.

It started with the idea of student volunteerism, a captive audience, and an alliance between the two. Last Spring, a student of Dr. Vanessa Quinn’s Biology 206 class, which is geared towards future teachers, wanted help pulling invasive Garlic-Mustard at Zona Wildlife Sanctuary, where she volunteers as a steward. Tacy Fletcher known to friends on campus as “Fletch” asked Dr. Quinn for help in mobilizing the entire class into an invasive search-and-destroy force to combat Garlic-Mustard. Fletch tackled the challenge of presenting a slideshow to the class in preparation. The outdoor lab experience resulted in over 70 students cleaning up the sanctuary for extra-credit.

But what could students possibly do in the fall semester? After all, the Garlic-Mustard plant wouldn’t return until next spring? The answer lay in seed-collecting for a local preserve that needed a little help. Late in October amidst the brilliant colors, PNC’s biology students were commissioned. And what they may have lacked in experience was more than made up for in the vast number of participants.

Eighty-four students attended Fletch’s pre-trip slideshow which had been completely retooled for the new project, and 64 students took the ride to Dunes State Park where State Ecologist John Ervin, and PNC Lab Tech Becky Hughes waited ready to guide the intrepid student-regiment around for the seed-collecting experience.

While collecting and redistributing various seed types, the organizers answered questions, and encouraged the future teachers to take their prospective students on similar outdoor learning labs. Fletch, who volunteers with local conservation non-profits, is adding these events to her Americorps activities.



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The Times They Are Changing:
Classroom etiquette for students

By Dave Hunt
Staff writer

The hand signal is given. At long last the hunters close in on their prey after hours of tracking. They peer through the dense undergrowth and view their target. The saber-toothed tiger is taking a rest at a watering hole. The hunters, downwind from the massive cat, are unnoticed and ready for the kill. A final nod is shared, and spears are raised. The tiger has no idea what is coming...

That is, until Lada Gaga is heard echoing through the trees. Birds flutter away and the tiger shoots his gaze towards the sound for a split second before bolting into the foliage and disappearing. The other hunters stair in a mixture of shock and anger as Igbo frantically whispers into his cell phone:

"Yes, I'll be home...no, I didn't do them but I will...ok....OKAY!...it's next to my club...Jeez...bye...."

Okay, we know that caveman did not have cell phones. I will bet that if they did, they would have made sure to turn off their ringers before the big hunt.

Everyone has emergencies to tend to sometimes, and everyone forgets to turn off their cell phones in class every once in a while. Even professors' phones have gone off during class. What really bothers me (and my fellow students that I have spoken with) are the habitual offenders, the not-so-sneaky texters, and those who are downright rude.

I think that everyone should have the opportunity to stand at the front of the classroom at least once. You are not as sneaky as you think, hiding that cell phone behind a stack of books. And why is your hand in your purse for a solid two minutes? Even if you are being particularly inconspicuous with your texting, your classmates give you away by staring at your phone during lecture.



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All issues of stealth aside, using your cell phone in class is rude. You are interrupting the learning process of others by being a distraction. It's already hard enough to concentrate without the sound of a phone vibrating going off every few minutes. That vibrating is not as quiet as you hope in an otherwise quiet room.

I think teachers should be issued a device that works somewhat like a mix between an EMP and a universal remote. That way, the instructor could point his device at you and disable your phone when you are being a particularly bold distraction. It would also have an automatic setting, disabling all phones within the room, forcing people to either wait or leave the room.

It would not hurt to remember that since

the days of hunting saber-toothed tigers, people have gotten along just fine without cell phones. Your friends are not going to hate you if you do not reply immediately. Life will not pass you by if you are not clued in on every minute detail of everyone's day. If you are so bored in class that you need to text or log on to Facebook constantly, why are you in the class? You will most likely need the information that you miss while on your phone when you start your career.

Perhaps I am behind the times. Maybe people are so smart these days that they do not need to pay attention. In that case, maybe you could just politely sit tight while the rest of us try and learn. Most of us need all the help we can get.

All Eyes on the Arctic

By Aram Arden
Staff writer

While the greater Middle East region seems doomed for the foreseeable future to be a test track for developed countries to experiment in international diplomacy, those who watch geopolitical trends would do well to turn their attention toward another region that would seem less likely to be a major focus of powerful states -- the Arctic.

Due to global climate change, the Arctic is becoming increasingly accessible. Why is this significant? Because this vast storehouse of resources is now available for states to gobble up. With the US, Russia, Norway, Canada, and Denmark all bordering the Arctic (and, due to Denmark, the EU at large having an interest), the potential for serious competition poses a major threat. In fact, it seems unthinkable to envision the next couple of decades not bringing major shifts in international politics due to this region.

I would like to encourage all readers to at

least scan a rather ominous document just released by the National Intelligence Council entitled “Global Governance 2025: At a Critical Juncture.” This document can be obtained in PDF form for free by going to: www.dni.gov/nic/NIC_home.html. In “Annex C: The Arctic: Challenge or Opportunity for Global Governance?” the issue is summed up quite succinctly:

“Climate change and new technologies will create more opportunities for resource exploitation and economic activities, more risks for the environment, and greater potential for competition.”

The geopolitical threat is mentioned: “Rising economic interest in the Arctic could, of course, make some existing disputes more acute...” Indeed, there has already been some highly alarming re-

marks made by military officials of both the US and Russia.

"For now, the disputes in the north have been dealt with peacefully, but climate change

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I Know Where You Live...

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

Have you had a class with me before? Have we ever met around campus? Be assured that if I know your name, I will also be able to find out where you live and your personal phone number in a matter of minutes.

That's a little creepy isn't it? What should make the thought even more creepy, and perhaps infuriating, is how I have all this information on you: I got it from a little 'ol website hosted by Purdue University. That's right; Purdue was the one to give me all your information. In a turn-around, Purdue will also give YOU all the same information on any of your classmates.

You see, Purdue University has joined with most universities and colleges in publicizing the personal information of its students. In what is called a student directory, you can search all of your fellow classmates and find out where they live and their personal phone number. All you have to do is go to the Purdue Lafayette website. In the search bar, type in "student directory." The page that pops up:

(www.itap.purdue.edu/directory) will allow you to search any student in attendance at any of the Purdue campuses. Knowing how to spell the last name of your target is not even necessary. Just his/her first name and last initial is all that is required to see a list of students who fit the criteria. So, please, do not offend the guy who sits next to you in chem. class; you may end up with a house caked in broken eggs.

Many colleges and universities are now providing public information on students. Some only give out names with the person's e-mail address. Others (like Purdue, Stanford, and Oregon State), are releasing personal information.

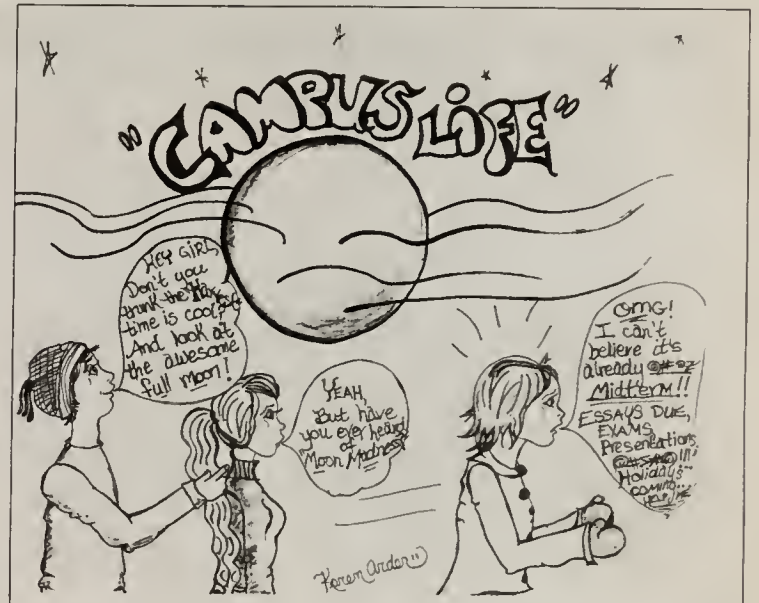
Unlike many, I am not worried in the least about my personal information getting into the wrong hands. See, I work for PNC, and Purdue will protect its own. Anyone who works for the university, as a paid employee or as a work-study, will have a somewhat more discreet listing. My name will

pop up, along with my e-mail address, but my phone number and home address will be hidden from the public. Sorry everyone, no egging my house if you don't like what I have to say each month.

"Be assured that if I know your name, I will also be able to find out where you live and your personal phone number in a matter of minutes."

This whole system may be legal, but is it ethical? I do not feel that Purdue should be giving out any student's information, even though I am protected (for now, at least). The scary thing is that not everyone is aware that Purdue has made the information public. I don't remember seeing and/or signing a release paper for it to be so. The best advice I can give anyone concerned with the matter, is to visit Chancellor Dworkin during his open office hours. If you can't request for your information be made private, he can at least tell you who to see in order to make your protest known.

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Since his dissertation was "Studies in the Shepherdes Calendar," (the Shepherdes Calendar being a work by major English Renaissance poet Edmund Spenser), it's easy to see his leaning. Dr. Hecht said he developed an appreciation for theatre while in graduate school, where he realized the possibilities of an actor's approach to the study of Shakespeare and Renaissance literature.

He said he was fortunate enough to attend a month-long acting workshop with Shakespeare & Company in Lenox, Mass. Eventually, this experience led Dr. Hecht to begin participating in plays, first through his musical contributions, and then later, as an actor.

He even composed music while in college for the theatre department and he still plays the violin and piano. His largest role was in Ben Jonson's "The Alchemist" as Sir Epicure Mammon. He also traveled to Toronto in 2008 to perform in a staged reading of Jonson's "Epicoene: Or, the Silent Woman."

Dr. Hecht said he has always seen theatre as an essential approach to teaching Renaissance Literature and Shakespeare, one which he says brings the text alive and helps enable a full understanding of the literature. Hecht has written several journal publications and also presented at conferences on the topics of Ben Jonson and Shakespeare.

Dr. Hecht said he feels theatre allows the cast to come together and work together toward creating a performing work of literature.

He finds this especially true with the PNC theatre group, since they are

working without understudies, making every person crucial.

"Theatre is powerful and carries the connection of the cast to a level of engagement with the literature that otherwise would be difficult to achieve," Dr. Hecht said.

When not in his usual theater atmosphere, Dr. Hecht spends time with his other interests in early modern poetry and drama, as well as research into Shakespeare's life and works, poetry and literary theory and creative writing.

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In Case You Weren't There: The World History of November

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

In November of 2005, the first human face transplant was completed successfully in France. Isabelle Dinoire was mauled by her dog, and received the first transplant involving the nose and mouth. Neither Nicolas Cage nor John Travolta could be reached to comment on this historic event.

Another historic November event occurred in 1863. On the afternoon of the 19th, President Abraham Lincoln delivered his now legendary Gettysburg address, dedicating a portion of the battlefield of the battle of Gettysburg to the brave soldiers who died there protecting our form of government.

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sculpture and whisper in the right location can transfer their whispered message to the other side of the arch.

Odyssey tour maps can be found on the official exhibit website, www.pnc.edu/odyssey. In addition, guided tours open to the general public are available during normal univer-

sity hours. Visitors are encouraged to come on Fridays, when parking is available and the campus is not as busy. Most pieces of art are for sale. For questions, to schedule a group tour, make special-needs tour arrangements, or inquire about future Odyssey Cultural events, call Judy Jacobi at (219) 785.5200, extension 5593. Maps are also available at www.pnc.edu/odyssey/flyer.pdf

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soccer flag to the country's national flag, while each were greeted by their family and friends.

According to a report in The New York Times, President Sebastián Piñera warned in a translated speech that followed the rescue of the final miner: "Those who had responsibility will have to face up to their responsibilities. But it has been a lesson for Chileans. We must improve our system, to safeguard our lives, our dignity, of all our workers, not just in the mining field. In a few days, I hope I will be able to announce a new deal with men and women who are workers in Chile."

Bolivia also seized an opportunity to utilize their own Carlos Mamani, who was one of the 33 trapped miners who is from Bolivia, as an attempt to create a more peaceful relationship with Chile.

Bolivia and Chile have had previous troubles regarding territory disputes. President of Bolivia, Evo Morales offered employment for Mamani in his country's national oil company, while various foreign presidents called President Piñera congratulating him and arranging future meetings as the televised event reached its conclusion.

PNC Hosted the Fall Meeting for the Mathematical Association of America

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

The fall meeting for Indiana's section of the Mathematical Association of America was hosted by PNC Saturday, Oct. 6. Faculty, staff, and mathematical practitioners from across the state gathered for the event. Guest speakers included Jim Lewis and Catherine Ann Brown, among others.

Hailing from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lewis reported on a

program called NebraskaMATH. Funded by the National Science Foundation, the program partners the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with over 100 school districts in the area. Lewis described the program in detail to teachers of primary math and Nebraska Algebra 1.

Brown, a professor from Indiana University Bloomington, gave a synopsis of how mathematical education in the state of Indiana works. She followed up with a question and answer

section for all in attendance.

Also in attendance was the panel for the Indiana Project NExT. Three panelists discussed, from a mathematical perspective, their experiences with high school students transitioning to college students and going from high school math to college math courses. A questions and answer segment followed as the bulk of the talk from the three. Representing PNC was panelist Gayla Domke.

Tai Chi and Yoga Club Comes to PNC: Learn how to stretch out your stress



By Sarah Lasser
Editor

Friday, Oct. 22, marked the first meeting of PNC's new club for tai chi and yoga lovers. Students met to discuss formal meeting times, which are set for every other Friday at 1 p.m. This means that the club will meet Friday, Oct. 29, Nov. 12, and so on. They are reserving the aerobics room in the basement of LSF for their gatherings.

The goal of the club is to create awareness of the importance of exercise in one's daily life. Each meeting consists of a warm up, some basic tai chi moves, easy standing yoga poses, meditation, and a cool down based on natural movement chi kung. However, the focus of the club will be on tai chi. The ultimate desire of the club is for each member to learn, and be able to repeat on their own, a basic 24-move form by the end of the year.

According to Chinese philosophy, tai chi is based upon the idea of the yin yang, where there are two different forces within an individual that must meet in proper balance. Tai chi focuses on finding physical balance when you shift your weight. "I use it more for the balance of life," says club co-adviser Dr. Kam Chan, an associate professor in the education department.

Chan further explains that to be too patient in life will cause one to miss out on a variety of opportunities. On the other hand, to have a lack of patience, or to jump into everything, will make one lose appreciation for the little things in life. To sum up, tai chi is really all about the balance.

Some major benefits of practicing tai chi include reducing stress, improving daily focus, increasing blood circulation, and increasing memory retention. Club president, Flavia Lee-Cheng, claims that "tai chi really helped

me deal with high blood pressure."

New research has recently discovered a link between depression and tai chi. Studies have been conducted at schools such as Tufts University in Massachusetts and Queensland University in Australia proving that tai chi helps alleviate depression by working on the psychological well being of individuals who regularly practice.

President Lee-Cheng will be instructing members during meetings. Currently she teaches yoga at the Chesterton Art Gallery two mornings a week. This job comes after having instructed both yoga and tai chi at the Portage YMCA for over ten years. Overall, Lee-Cheng has been practicing the two arts for more than thirty years and has been instructing students since 1988. She is delighted to be able to participate in a club teaching the arts right here on campus.

TRiO Student Support Services Renues Grant

By Gail Barker
Director of Student Support Services

TRiO Student Support Services (sSs) program at Purdue North Central was successful in the recent sSs grant competition and received a five year grant (2010-2015) from the U.S. Department of Education. Purdue North Central's sSs program will serve 195 students each year and received \$299,195 to provide academic and support services to ensure program participants stay in college and graduate. The Department of Education's Federal TRiO Programs are educational opportunity outreach programs designed to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds. sSs is one of six TRiO programs designed as outreach and support programs targeted to serve and assist low-income, first-genera-

tion college students, and students with disabilities to progress through college and graduate.

sSs provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements and serves to motivate students towards the successful completion of their postsecondary education.

Other services provided by the sSs program include, but are not limited to, tutoring; academic, financial and personal counseling; financial aid counseling; financial literacy; graduate school counseling; career counseling/advising; and social/cultural activities.

Please feel free to stop by the sSs office, SWRZ 38, and a staff member can answer questions or you can pick up an application (verification of eligibility will be required at the time of application).

Introducing the PNC Astronomy Club

By Aram Arden
Staff Writer

Everyone interested in the ancient and enduring science of astronomy, take note: an astronomy club is now active on campus, and promises to be a fun science experience open to amateurs and experienced stargazers alike!

The club will likely meet on a bi-weekly basis, according to president Jonathan Meyers, and will involve the discussion of astronomy- and cosmology-related news items and articles, as well as some planned night viewings of some exciting events which will be open to the public.

In the course of interviewing Meyers, I learned that PNC has a high-powered telescope, which is likely to be employed by the club. While participants do not need to bring any special knowledge to the table, they are likely to garner a better understanding of math and physics from their participation.

In addition to Meyers, Yi Mei is serving as the club's vice-president and Holly Trott as its treasurer. A website is currently under development which will be accessible from PNC's home page, and Dr. Ann Warren is the adviser; welcome this exciting new club to campus by your participation!

Veteran's Day Events are Expansive for 2010

By Aram Arden
Staff Writer

Veteran's Day 2010 will be observed Nov. 11 with a reverent ceremony held at PNC to honor United States veterans.

Despite the usual election month emphasis, politics and grandstanding are set aside as the coordinators of this event focus exclusively on honoring veterans in the public ceremony.

Planned events include a rendition of the National Anthem performed by the newly-formed PNC choir the Panther Voices accompanied by Tony Campbell. There will also be a reading of veterans' names,

a rendition of "America the Beautiful" by Dr. Sharon Jenkins and a reading of the winning campus essay on "the importance of remembering and taking care of America's veterans." Essays can be submitted to the Dean of Students Office by Nov. 1 and the winner receives a \$1,000 scholarship along with the honor of the public reading at the ceremony.

PNC is a very veteran-friendly campus, with a current veteran enrollment of 115 with many special allowances and services for veterans and their families. Visit the Dean of Students Office in LSF 103 to find out more about the Veterans Club, services and future fundraisers.

Recent Weird News From Across the Globe

Compiled by Aram Arden and
Dave Hunt
Staff Writers

• **Epic Food Fight:** Armed with a zucchini, a Montana woman defended herself and her dogs from a 200-pound black bear. The woman had been letting her three dogs out before bed shortly after midnight on the morning of Sept. 23. Suddenly, two of the dogs fled back inside as a bear began to attack the third, an elderly collie. The woman kicked the bear under the chin, upon which the beast proceeded to turn its attention on her. The bear swiped at her leg, tearing her jeans, and she attempted to escape inside. The bear, however, forced its head into the doorway, forcing the woman to take drastic measures. Holding onto the door with one hand, the woman reached behind her and grabbed the produce. Using the vegetable as a projectile weapon, she struck the bear in the head... forcing it to run in terror.

• **Escaped Cobras:** On Sept. 15, residents of Shijiao township in the Chongqing municipality in southwestern China were terrorized by over 160 dangerous cobras which had escaped from an illegal breeding facility.

• I always say, honesty is the best policy. Apparently even crooks share

my view on that! A New York man was forced to give up his wallet and other items to an armed robber. The robber inquired if the victim had anything else. He replied by saying he lived in a homeless shelter. The robber said "I can respect that," returned the items and walked away.

• **Witchcraft in the Senate?:** Christine O'Donnell, the GOP candidate for one of Delaware's U.S. Senate seats, is in some hot water after it became known what she had said on Bill Maher's show "Politically Incorrect" back in October 1999. O'Donnell: "I dabbled into witchcraft, I never joined a coven... I hung around people who were doing these things... I'm not making this stuff up, I know what they told me they do... one of my first dates with a witch was on a satanic altar and I didn't know it... there was a little blood there and stuff like that... yeah, yeah we went to a movie and then had a little midnight picnic on a satanic altar." Okay...

• When police investigated a parked car that was partially blocking a driveway in Costa Mesa, California, they

discovered the dead body of a homeless woman buried in a pile of clothes. The owner of the car reported that she was too afraid to call the police after finding the body. She stated that she had become mostly used to the smell.

"I always say, honesty is the best policy. Apparently even crooks share my view on that!"

• **World's Largest Chocolate Bar:** If you want free chocolate, head to Yerevan, Armenia on Oct. 16. That's when the world's largest chocolate bar, clocking in at a massive 9,702 lbs. and measuring 224 by 110 by 10 inches, will be divided up and distributed in the city's main square.

• A warning to would be robbers in California: make sure you are properly armed. When a Los Angeles man was held up by a robber with a fake weapon, he disarmed the robber and used the "weapon" to beat the assailant into submission. The crook had to be hospitalized.

• In Brevard County Florida, a bomb squad was dispatched to investigate a strange package sitting alongside a highway. When the box was opened, it was found to contain two kittens. One kitten escaped the scene, and the second was charged with public cuteness.



L'il Wayne goes to jail PHOTO PROVIDED BY BOSSIP

Can L'il Wayne Beat the Tax Rap?

By Evan D. Wooding
Contributor

Dwayne Michael Carter Jr., aka L'il Wayne, was born on September 27, 1982 in New Orleans, Louisiana. L'il Wayne had a rough childhood. His parents divorced when he was two years old, he shot himself with a 44 caliber pistol at the age of 13; all the emotions and frustrations of his life led him to rap.

For L'il Wayne, rap was a means of self-expression, a safe haven, and a profitable escape from his pain. He didn't have anyone to talk to, so he lashed out in rap.

L'il Wayne began recording with studio owner Bryan Williams. When he first started out, he had his ups and downs. Hits and misses, golds and platinum, somehow always managing to land on top. All in all, L'il Wayne would not have predicted what was in store for him in 2007.

In July of 2007, L'il Wayne was arrested for having 8 ounces of marijuana and carrying a .45 caliber handgun on his tour bus. He was sentenced to serve 9 months, but will be released early (around November 5, 2010) for good behavior.

The jailed rapper didn't let his present predicament derail his career. No, being behind bars didn't stop L'il

Wayne. He managed to release his new album, *Rebirth*, while still incarcerated.

Yet, even though L'il Wayne has been granted early parole, he will be going right back to prison on charges of tax evasion. This is not first time the IRS has accused him of said crime. Two years ago, L'il Wayne owed the IRS \$977,840 in back taxes. L'il Wayne paid it off later that same year.

Trying to start his life again with a clean slate, L'il Wayne will have to shake the IRS off his tail to the tune of \$1.3 million. If he can't pay this one off, he will go back to jail until he can pay off the enormous debt.

Growing up while being pushed back in life and trying to make a name for himself as people continued to see the worst side of him obviously wasn't easy for the artist. No one would probably argue that fact. The part that is open to debate is whether a disadvantaged life childhood justifies a criminal adult life. One also has to question a justice system which jails a person, yet allows him/her to produce an album while incarcerated.

Are we making an example of L'il Wayne, or are we idolizing tax evasion and drug use? You decide, rap on L'il Wayne

October News in Review

By Aram Arden
Staff Writer

The month that was, with a look at some of the recent news headline items you may have missed:

* Sept. 29th, Germany made the last of its reparations payments for its culpability in World War I (1914-1918).

* Oct. 4th, protestors in Stuttgart, Germany were attacked with pepper spray in response to their protest over plans to replace the historic train station and the felling of numerous trees in

plans to build an upgraded station.

* Oct. 6th, the EU and South Korea signed a comprehensive free trade agreement.

* Oct. 7th, tremendously exciting news for music lovers after an announcement about the discovery of a lost Vivaldi flute concerto in Scotland. The concerto is to receive a modern-day premiere performance in January 2011.

* Oct. 8th, the Japanese Cabinet approved a massive \$60 billion economic stimulus plan.

* Oct. 9th, anthropologists confirmed a long-standing suspicion that a germ called *Yersinia pestis* was responsible for the 14th Century European plague known as the "Black Death."

* Much of the middle of the month of October 2010 brought another massive ecological disaster as a dam in Ajka, Hungary collapsed and spilled a flood of toxic waste from an alumina plant.

* Oct. 22, wikileaks released a massive amount of documents of the Iraq war, infuriating Washington.



33 Men Rescued From Mine: Attracts Media's Eye

By Rachel Skenandore
Staff Writer

While Chilean President Sebastián Piñera was on the phone via a translator with world leaders arranging meetings about future safety precautions, the group of miners who spent months capturing the attention of global television audiences, were finally returning to the surface.

What seemed to be a glorious rescue on Oct. 12 and 13, soon turned into a world po-

litical circus for Chile as details also surfaced.

Thirty three miners were slowly returned to the surface via a capsule designed by NASA, tagged the "Fenix 2." The capsule, ironically painted red, white and blue lifted the miners to freedom after they had been trapped for 69 days, or as the miners recounted "two months, nine days, and eight hours."

The group spent the amazing stretch of time in the very small space of the San José

mine, near the Chilean city of Copiapó. The end for the miners' confined space stay ended after a long 22 hour rescue effort of slowly being pulled one by one along the half of mile journey to the surface by a team of six rescue workers. The rescue received a major attention not just from Chile, but also from the international community.

The miners were welcomed to freedom with Chilean pride that ranged from a

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Third Coast Review: Boasting more than it can deliver?

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

Third Coast Spice Cafe sits in the Galleria of Chesterton between Jewel Osco and Applebee's on E. Indian Boundary. My friend James and I, both experienced cooks and avid lovers of food, stopped there for lunch last week.

Third Coast's website states, "(We use) cage-free Indiana eggs. We opt for natural and organic ingredients whenever possible. Our preference is to utilize transfat-free products, fair-trade commodities and local ingredients." Sounds like a home chef's paradise. We anticipated great things.

We excitedly perused the menu. The selections sure seemed tasty to our hungry stomachs, and the descriptions satisfied our culinary curiosity. Toppings like pablano peppers, balsamic roasted tomatoes, caramelized onions, blue cheese spread, and wasabi mayonnaise further teased our appetites.

I ordered an iced tea, while James opted for coffee. The server was kind and quick. She was pleasant and patient while we took longer than usual to choose our meals. We decided to start off with the soup of the day, minestrone (one of my favorite soups). I decided on the Muffaletto sandwich (a trio of salami, pepperoni, and ham squeezed between Italian bread and topped with spiced vinaigrette and an olive relish), and James selected the Bayou Chicken (with caramelized onions and Cajun spices on multigrain bread). We reluctantly passed on things like homemade

quiche, bloody Mary shrimp salad, and a cobb sandwich. Everything sounded delicious. Unfortunately, our excitement ended there.

James's coffee was good, but not great. Maybe the second cup would have been better, but our waitress never offered any. My iced tea was fruity flavored, which I was not informed of when ordering it. I happen to hate flavored tea, but that's only my personal opinion. I just would have liked to have known beforehand.

Our minestrone was hearty with lots of veggies and beans. Many restaurants skimp on the ingredients in soups, which can leave behind a bowl of broth after only a few bites. While

this soup was chock full of ingredients, it lacked in flavor. We had to heavily salt and pepper at the table. We analyzed our spoonfuls and saw little evidence of herbs or spices. The veggies seemed undercooked.

The sandwiches came rather quickly. The first bite of my sandwich was overpowering. Vinegar and olives can be a pungent combination in improper quantities, and improper they were. I opened the sandwich and rearranged the toppings, which were carelessly piled in the center. I took a hopeful second bite, but was again

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Third Coast in Chesterton PHOTO BY DANA DALTON

Top Girls Strengthened a Woman's Place

By Rachel Skenandore
Staff writer

Top Girls originally was planned to support the Freshman Experience, a course that was introduced to Purdue North Central about a year ago. But performances were opened to the public for free on two nights. In previous years, the Freshman Experience read Top Girls, but Dr. Hecht felt that watching a play offers a larger understanding of the work. The cast had a limited five weeks of practice; that is significantly less than the spring play.

Written by British playwright Caryl Churchill, Top Girls focuses on 1980's. Marlene, the main character, played by Abagael Schmidt, celebrates her promotion at work dinner and drinks with various famous women from history that tell their stories at the table in Act 1. However for Act 2, Marlene's work life is revealed to the audience, as the play examines the personal sacrifices

that were made for her career. Act 3 flashed back to the year prior to Act 2, explaining Marlene's largest sacrifice which also affected her sister Joyce, played by Dr. Bethany Lee. Abagael successfully pulled a difficult performance throughout the play and her experience truly shined on stage. Dr. Lee will also be directing the fall play in 2011 while Dr. Hecht will continue to direct the spring plays. Dr. Lee not only played Joyce but also co-directed the production.

Top Girls featured an all female cast with the exception of Aram Arden as Isabella Bird and John Meyers as a silent waiter. Arden offered a hilarious portrayal of an obnoxious, hideous, large woman. The crowd roared with laughter when the lights came on and there was Isabella Bird clearing well over six feet tall on stage.

Pope Joan, performed by Karen Arden, was extremely amusing as a drunken pope from the Middle Ages

while Elyse Winter shocked the stage when she jumped on the table. Elyse was also joined by her mother on stage, Mrs. Claudia Winter, as Louise.

Renee Mangold, a first time performer, as Jeanine in Act 2, wonderfully brought her character to life. Veteran Holly Trott was very calm and composed as Griselda and then as Kit, a cocky teenager. Caitlyn Desjardins was an annoying Angie, Catherine Rybecki appeared as Shona, Cara Vukusich as Lady Nijo and Nell; all definitely left an impression of their character on the audience.

Overall the play was surprisingly amusing with an excellent dialogue of interruptions between women. Students of PNC participating in the spring play may receive credit in Theatre 347 (2 credits) and Theatre 348 (3 credits), which is an excellent way to fulfill an elective.

12th Annual PNC Odyssey Sculpture Exhibit Debuts

By Vesna Bukur
Contributor

On Saturday, Oct. 23, PNC debuted its annual Odyssey Arts and Cultural Exhibit with a public reception. The reception included opening remarks from Chancellor Dworkin, comments from several artists, and refreshments. The series, which is in its twelfth year on campus, celebrated the 36 sculptures which can be found on Westville Porter County campuses.

The sculptures are made from steel, concrete, bronze, glass, wood, stone, and earth, among other materials. The exhibit was designed to engage viewers traveling at different speeds and viewing the sculptures at different levels of lighting to offer insight and different perspectives unique to each viewer.

The exhibit combines emerging artists as well as established artists to produce a dynamic, contemporary exhibit, which has added eight new pieces this year. Besides sculptures, the Odyssey Exhibit contains several galleries around

campus, which display paintings, photographs, collages, and lithographs. New this year is a 15-foot tall sculpture made of steel beams, created by artist Brian Monaghan. Dubbed "Untitled," Monaghan's work transforms uses painted curved steel beams to create a work of abstract expressionism that stands as a symbol of modern times.

Another piece debuting in the 10-11 Odyssey Exhibit incorporates both sound and touch. Created by artist Michael L. Grucza, the sculpture is made of steel and invites viewers to use more than just their sense of sight to explore it – appropriately titled "BOING!" the sculpture's springs make noise when touched.

Dusty Flowareczny's "Give," yet another new piece, was designed as an interactive sculpture exploring the scientific aspect of giving – as the act of transferring energy from one person, or object, to another. Viewers who walk inside the

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Meet the Director

Our Very Own Dr. Hecht: English is much more than just reading

By Rachel Skenandore
Staff writer

When Dr Paul Hecht decided to move to the Midwest for his academic career path, he had his eye set on Chicago.

But after arriving to Purdue North Central in 2006 as an assistant professor of English fresh from North Carolina, he knew PNC was a perfect fit.

Raised in Rhode Island, he received his bachelor's degree from Amherst College and then his M.A., M.F.A. and Ph.D. from Cor-



PHOTO PROVIDED BY PNC

nell University in 2004. And even if his campus is a little farther from the Windy City than he expected, he said he's appreciative to reside near a large culturally enriched city like Chicago.

Since his arrival, Dr. Hecht has taken on the challenge of directing the PNC plays that normally appear in the Mainstreet Theatre in Michigan City during the spring semester.

He said many people have questioned why he prefers to direct plays by the great historic writers such as

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Old Time Southern Favorite Food Dish

By Rachel Skenandore
Staff Writer

This is easy and inexpensive to make and allows for variations to customize your taste.

- 1 package of all beef Kielbasa sausage
- 1 large onion
- 1 pepper color of your choice
- 1 tablespoon of garlic (I usually buy the garlic in a jar at Aldi's)
- 1 tablespoon of Cajun seasoning
- 1/8 teaspoon of salt any kind would do (I usually use Lawry's Seasoning Salt)

Either 1 can of diced tomatoes with chilies (again usually buy at Aldi), vegetable, chicken or beef base for about 1 cup to 2 cup (I usually use

Better than Bouillon or Amish base paste)

Frozen corn, peas or green beans or a can of hominy (these variations depend on you but the more vegetables you add the more tomatoes, vegetable, chicken or beef base you will have to add)

- 1. Boil water in pot for either rice or egg noodles.
- 2. Cut up sausage, onion, pepper and garlic. Place into warm pan and sauté while adding salt and Cajun seasoning. If sausage is lean, then add some olive oil as needed; normally this is not necessary. Check the water you are boiling for the rice or egg noodles, if ready, add them. If you have never cooked rice or egg noodles, follow directions on the box..

- 3. After onions are caramelized (brown color) then add either 1 can of diced tomatoes with chilies, or 1 or 2 cups of vegetable, chicken or beef base.
- 4. Once the base is boiling, add your choice of vegetables until cooked to your liking
- 5. Taste the broth. If it tastes too watery, either cook longer or add more base if using a paste base or powder (powder base has a lot of salt and does not taste as good). If you want it spicier add more Cajun seasoning.
- 6. Once you have it the way you like it, turn it off and serve your sausage mix over either rice or noodles.

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- 61. Potato derivative
- 64. Radio show host: "Hello, you're ___ the ___"
- 65. Wednesday before Easter
- 67. Wealthy Russian peasant
- 69. Half moon shapes
- 70. *I work on an April 15th deadline
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- 73. Mary ___ cosmetics
- 74. Typically found on right side of table setting

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- 6. ESPN trophy
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- 8. Tax of one tenth
- 9. Fool or hoax
- 10. An elaborate song for solo voice
- 11. Drug abuser
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- 15. Type of fir
- 20. Like a queen's rule
- 22. International Monetary Fund
- 24. A thank you note is a nice one of these, e.g.
- 25. *Will I or won't I retire after this season?
- 26. *I'm a celestial-belted hunter
- 27. Parthenon in 2010, e.g.
- 29. *Abel's brother
- 31. Mexican cuisine staple
- 32. One who "___ his own horn"
- 33. *Greek muse of love poetry
- 34. *"I am not a crook"
- 36. Between mini and maxi
- 38. Short for Pekingese
- 42. Act against
- 45. Lewd onlookers
- 49. Neither here ___ there
- 51. Male ducks
- 54. Orderly pile of books
- 56. *Once again, I'm seeking an apprentice
- 57. Peyton Manning, e.g.
- 58. Burden
- 59. *I starred in "The Postman Always Rings Twice"
- 60. Casket stand
- 61. One-horse carriage
- 62. *Greek muse of history
- 63. Mark of a saint
- 66. Romantic destination
- 68. *I am Barbie's boyfriend



Introducing: Men’s Basketball Team

Back Row (left to right): Brad Parks, Ronald Nanda, Jordan Delks, David Bell, Jack Wallace, Seth Clinkenbeard , Jordan Wiseman, Matt Demler and Shawn Cramer.
Front Row (left to right): David Ortiz, Shane Heidt, Nick Neal, Mike Bobby, Kyle Mueller and Jordan Ice.

PNC’s 7th Annual 5k Run/Walk and 10k Run

By Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

Purdue North Central’s Seventh Annual Panther Pounce 5k run/walk and 10k run will be held on Saturday, November 13, at 9:00a.m. This event will be take place on the Purdue North Central’s Westville campus. The pre-registration deadline is November 5, and it will cost \$20.00 to register. If registered before that date, a free T-shirt will be provided. Race day registration will also be available and packet pick up will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the LSF building. There will also be a discounted rate of \$15.00 per person for groups of five or more participants. All members of the Calumet Region

Striders will also receive one dollar off of their race registration fee. Following the event, an awards ceremony will be held to recognize the participants. Medallions will be given to the top three male and female winners in each age group. Trophies will also be presented to the top male and female in the Overall, Masters, and Walkers divisions. Pre-registration is now available on Purdue North Central’s website to anyone who is interested in participating in the event. PNC had a great turn out for the 2009 Panther Pounce 5k/10k last year with 198 participants. For information, contact the race director, John Weber, at jweber@pnc.edu or race coordinator, Tom Albano, at talbano@pnc.edu.

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disappointed. I cannot understate the strange taste of this sandwich. It was bad enough that I toyed with the idea that some ingredients were spoiled. We tried every component separately. The meat was thin and flavorless (possibly old), the bun was dry, and the relish contained some strange, off flavors. I filled up on French fries and let

the sandwich be.
I stress that I have never in my life left a meal unfinished that I wasn't going to take home. This was a first for me that I would have rather not experienced.
James’s sandwich was different, but not much better. His chicken was pounded thin (it looked to be a four oz. portion, tops. Not much for seven dollars) and utterly dry. I think someone forgot about it on the grill. There wasn't much in the way of Cajun sea-

soning, and his toppings were also piled in the middle. Instead of being strong and off-putting, this sandwich was dry and flavorless. At least he could finish his.
After finishing our meal, the server brought the check without asking if we wanted it separated. She said "No hurry," but after 15 minutes, still we sat without another visit from her. Our drinks were empty and our stomachs upset. We had planned on ordering a smoothie for dessert, but she

silently convinced us not to. Before the meal, we had also planned to come back a few days later to get a more rounded opinion. That idea was scratched. After this visit, I wouldn’t trust this place to fry me up some chicken tenders. We left disappointed.
Now, I have been to Third Coast a few times before, each time having breakfast. The breakfast is usually good, and the service excellent. The omelets are properly cooked with a long list of delicious ingredients to

choose from. They come with hash browns and toast and are decently priced around seven dollars. So, if you must try Third Coast for yourself, stick with breakfast. My advice, however, is to give another one of Chesterton’s fine breakfast-offering establishments your hard earned cash. The lunch fare at Third Coast Spice Cafe turned me off for good.

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BASKETBALL

Auditorium last year. “The Civic Auditorium is -a great basketball facility with an old school basketball feeling,” said Head Coach Kristofer Schnatz.
The PNC basketball team have been conditioning since the end of August. They practice from 6:30a.m.-

9a.m. six days a week. They also have film study once a week and study table two nights a week. This shows that the PNC team has been putting in many hours to prepare for the upcoming season. The team is returning three players this year with eight new additions to the team. This group of players compliment each other in every aspect of the game and have the talent to be very tough this year in the Chicagoland Collegiate Ath-

letic Conference. Jordan Delks, the team captain, is a returning guard for the Panthers who should be recognized. Last season he finished seventh in the county for his outstanding 3-point shooting percentage.
The Purdue North Central basketball team can be followed on their Facebook and Twitter pages for their schedule and game updates.



Do You Know Where to Get Your Student ID?

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

Student ID’s are great for a number of reasons. Top on the list is the ability to get the 10 percent discounts at numerous fast food joints and theaters. What’s more, PNC student ID’s are easy to get.
Students can now obtain their photo IDs in fitness center, located in the basement of LSF, room 77. Student employee A.J. Vassen claims he

can pump out an ID in a matter of minutes. That’s one minute to take the picture and about two minutes to print it.
Simply bring in your class schedule or even an old PNC ID if it displays your student ID number. For students getting their first ever ID from PNC, it is recommended that you bring along your license or any documentation with your name and picture on it. FYI: Pounce had his done in under five minutes!

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Arctic
could alter the equilibrium over the coming years in the race of temptation for exploitati
on of more readily accessible natural resources,” states US Admiral James G. Stavridis, Supreme Allied Commander for Europe.
Meanwhile, Russia is vigorously establishing a sizable military presence in the region. “In accordance with the Russian Armed Forces’ plan of strategic deterrence, we take measures aimed to demonstrate military presence in the

Arctic,” explains Russian Navy Commander Adm. Vladimir Vysotsky.
This document was released in September, and the statements from the international community that followed in October, indicate the Arctic is a major concern in the minds of high-level officials.
My concern is the lack of public awareness on this; it seems few people have any knowledge that this is occurring. I would encourage students to learn about the Arctic. National leaders are turning their gaze northward. It is important that the public direct its attention there as well.

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GRANT
The team will hold several workshops throughout the nation to present and discuss the videos.
Feikes, Schwingendorf, and Gregg previously authored the textbook “Connecting Mathematics for Elementary Teachers: How Children Learn Mathematics,” and the video project will continue along the same lines. The projects aim to illustrate the effectiveness of designing math curriculums around how children actually learn.



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Government Regulation Hinders Tobacco Companies: A Violation of American Rights or a Necessary Measure to Curb a Larger Evil?

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, or more simply called the Tobacco Control Act, seeks to increase the intensity of the warnings on cigarette packages. As of June 2011, cigarette companies will be required to include graphic images along with textual warnings, and the warnings will need to cover 50% of the pack, front and back.

The tobacco companies are obviously against the act. One such company, RJ Reynolds, has filed a lawsuit claiming that the regulation violates free speech. Their other complaint is that the remaining free 50% of the package is not sufficient room to advertise their product.

I, for one am, not sure if the real issue is free speech. The government is trying to regulate a danger to society. Indeed, it is one that people choose to partake in, but I doubt that anyone could argue that smoking is a healthy practice. Is it wrong for the government to want to prevent people

from beginning to smoke? If the answer is no, then how much regulation is too much?

Obviously, the tobacco companies are mainly concerned with losing money. These warnings, which are graphic and disturbing, will inevitably cause the companies to lose revenue. Some of the photos depict rotting teeth, a mother blowing smoke at her child, and smoke blown from a tracheotomy incision. I honestly doubt that the pictures will make a smoker stop smoking, but it most certainly will prevent young ones from taking up the habit in the first place.

Smoking has long been associated with "cool" characters in books and movies. Children want to emulate their role models, and this has led to many a first puff. If we can eliminate this stereotype from society, will so many still choose to light up?

The new images are definitely loaded and biased. In a way, they are the reverse of smooth Joe Camel and the rough and tough smoking cowboys that have made cigarettes "cool" in the past. These images are demonizing cigarettes. But, is it demonizing

if the object is a true demon? Smoking is not merely unhealthy, it kills people. It kills people in a slow, painful, terrible way.



IMAGE COURTESY OF THE FDA

The government would not get away with placing these types of regulations on a company that sells, say, candy. Candy is not necessarily good for you. Eaten in excess, it can cause all sorts of health problems. Candy advertisements often target children, as smoking ads used to do. So why does the government not attack candy companies?

I think the difference lies in two

important facts. First, smoking offers no benefits to its users. It is unhealthy from the first puff, and only becomes more damaging over time. Second,

smoking has become such a huge problem in our society, that it almost requires drastic measures (such as the graphic warnings) to control the problem. Nearly 440,000 people die prematurely each year because of smoking related health issues. That sounds like a big problem, a problem that needs to be stopped.

Is it a violation of free speech to limit the tobacco companies in such a way? If it is, is it worth so many people dying? The Voice is interested in your opinion on this matter. Write to us at thevoice@pnc.edu with your comments, questions, ideas, and rants and we will follow up with another article revolving around student opinions.

SCA Club Hosts Monthly Practice on Campus

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

Stepping into LSF 144 on the last Tuesday of each month may serve as a bit of culture shock. Ancient tunics and fencing face wear grab the eye as the clanging of metal on metal strike the ears. Wielding swords may scare away onlookers, but in reality the members of Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) are extremely welcoming finding it a delight to explain to all interested what is going on and why.

To explain who the SCA are, one must know what they do. Anachronism simply means that something or someone is chronologically out of



Dr. Barreto dukes it out with a member from Lafayette. PHOTO BY SARAH LASSER

place, or rather out of it's time. According to the SCA website, creative anachronism is taking "the best qualities of the Middle Ages and selectively [recreating] them in the modern world."

Devoted to the study of Western culture, the society only recognizes what is pre-seventeenth century. Believing that to fully study is to immerse oneself, the SCA has members "create a persona, the person who they would like to have been had they lived in the Middle Ages." However, there is the stipulation that one may NOT use the name

of a historical person who actually existed at the time, nor a fictional character found in literature. Thus, the creative aspect comes into play requiring one to research the times and imagine a unique individual



Alex Strohmeier (left) and Nick Parry (right) learn fencing moves. PHOTO BY SARAH LASSER

based on the findings.

The SCA club at PNC meets on the first Tuesday of every month in Schwarz. There follows a private PNC practice at 1 p.m. to keep with the

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Top 10 Holiday Events Coming in December

By Vesna Bukur
Contributor

As the holiday season rapidly approaches, you won't want to miss out on the various fun activities and events happening across the region. From winter festivals to ice skating to hot chocolate, don't miss the following events that will be sure to get you geared up for a fun filled holiday season!

Holly Days- December 3rd, 5-7 p.m.

A holiday kickoff event in downtown Valparaiso, the Holly Days celebration, includes an appearance from Santa Claus, a life Nativity scene, car-

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Veteran's Day Presentation a Surprising and Powerful Experience

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

On November 11th, I had the pleasure of witnessing the Veteran's Day presentation here at PNC. I was walking to LSF to get some food, when I noticed a large group of people congregated near the fountain at the center of campus. I stopped for a moment to see what was going on.

I think most kids are jaded by such presentations because of all of the speakers we were forced to listen to in high school. I know I was glad to be free of such events when I graduated. However, this presentation has made me regret not paying more attention to some of those speakers. If those presentations were in any way as moving as

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By Katelain Leslie
Sports writer

Brett Favre Announces Retirement AGAIN

In his 20th career in the NFL, Brett Favre is having a rough year. After ten games Favre has thrown for ten touchdowns and 17 interceptions. For any quarterback in the NFL, this would be considered a poor performing season.

Favre has accumulated a quarterback rating of 69.8 so far this season which is the lowest rating of his 20 year career. Many spectators say that the man is simply the iron man of football, yet I think that he needs to hang his cleats up. After suffering an ankle injury this season Favre refused to miss a start. While holding the NFL record for consecutive starts, it seems as if he feels it is something he must continue.

At age 41, no man should be receiving the vicious blows that he does on a weekly basis. I feel that he needs to look at his long term health and make an educated decision on his future career and life. Football isn't the only thing that matters in life. Being able to play through the injuries that he has is simply unheard of. The use of pain killers seems to be the only way to withstand the coruscating pain that these types of injuries may inflict. These practices could be just causing more damage to his body while the pain is being masked.

Favre will always be considered one of the greatest quarterbacks to ever play the game of football regardless of how his career ends. I feel that his passion for football is something that many people cannot even dream of matching. Favre has had some off the field issues that may question his character, but he will always be remembered as one of the greatest quarterbacks to ever play in the NFL.

Small Deeds Can Make a Huge Difference in Someone's World



By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

I sat down recently to write my opinion article for the Voice, just like in many months past. Usually this process involves very little planning. I think of something that has frustrated me, and the rant ends up writing itself.

This month, I've decided to take a different route. I want to share many of the things that I am thankful for. Not big things, but the small things that make the day to day stresses of life easier to deal with. This may be cheesy or cliché, but I believe it is important to dwell on good things as well as bad.

There are plenty of things to complain about in our world, and plenty of people doing the complaining. I feel I will have done a very small part in not contributing to that group for a short period. Even if you don't care what I am thankful for, all that I ask is that you remember my words once during this holiday season and do something nice for someone, like the things below that people have done for me.

Thank you to everyone who leaves a tip in the jar at Val's Famous Pizza and Grinders,

where I work. That money goes to feed a hungry college student. I know I'll never get to thank you to your face, but hopefully you may read this. Thank you.

Thank you to the man who went through all the trouble to call the bank and arrange to have my lost debit card returned to me. I was dealing with the death of two close friends at the time, and your kindness was more than appreciated. It is good to know that there are unselfish people out there ready to help their neighbors in times of need.

Thank you to everyone who holds the door for me on campus. I'm at school for over nine hours, as I'm sure many other students are who commute to campus. I carry a large lunch box with me most days, along with my coffee mug, extra layers on the cold days, and a backpack. Not having to juggle everything at the doorway is nice, and I am grateful for that. My hat is off to those who carry just as much and are also accompanied by young ones.

Thank you to the person who bought my lunch in the cafeteria a few weeks ago. Even though I only got a bowl of soup, but the gesture meant a lot, and I still remember it.

Thank you to everyone who has provided positive feedback on my articles and creative writing this year. This is the first semester that I have done numerous, major writing projects and the response has been supportive and encouraging. Writers produce a plethora of words on a regular basis, but a few nice words

in return go a long way.

Thank you to the man who gave me a can of gas so that I could finish mowing before it rained. During the summer, I mow a friend's lawn every week or so, and one time I had forgot to fill up the gas can beforehand. Wouldn't you know, that's the day a storm decided to roll in. It's about a half hour drive to this person's house, so it can be a difficult appointment to schedule during a rainy week. I did finish before the rain came, and when I went to return the can, he wouldn't accept repayment. That made my day.

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers at the Duneland Resale shop, which I frequent. Duneland Resale turns its profits into charitable donations to local causes. The volunteers that greet customers at the door, help carry large items to cars, and run the check out isle are some of the nicest and most pleasant folks you will ever meet, and they work for free. We could all learn a lesson from them. They always brighten my day.

And finally, thank you to everyone who does a good deed that goes unthanked. I will take the time now to personally thank you on behalf of all who have needed a good deed during a tough time. You never know who is going through a rough patch. I've been through a few such patches, and I know there will be more to come. Those small deeds can mean the world. Thank you all.

Will Snow-Haters Just Shut the Hell Up Already?

By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

It happens every year and we know it is coming. It's that four letter word some people can't even stand to hear. Yes, I am talking about SNOW. Just as the sun rises every morning on the eastern horizon, we know that every winter in Northwest Indiana there is going to be plenty of snow. Sometimes it comes as early as November, other times not until mid-January, but rest assured it will come.

For some it's a wonderful time for holidays and family, and the snow is a welcome memory. However, for some people the arrival of snow is equivalent to the end of the world.

Every year when the temperatures start to plummet, people begin to complain. One can understand the contempt people feel towards cold weather, especially the snow. It can be unpleasant when your locks freeze up or your plumbing stops working. A few of inches of snowfall may even mean that people will have to clean their cars off, shovel their drive ways, and make arrangement for elderly family members to be taken of.

A severe weather system will cause for travel delays, force people to leave early for

work, and could even lead to power outages and deadly automobile crashes. I can understand that people dislike winter and prefer the warmer months, but what I can't understand is why people who absolutely abhor winter, especially snow, choose to live in the area knowing they will only see three months of "good weather" out of the whole year.

These kinds of people are easily recognized. You can usually start picking them out in the fall. Someone will say, "Oh I just love

fall. Isn't it the prettiest season?" The Snow-Hater will respond with, "Yeah, but all it does is remind me that winter's right around corner."

As the fall turns into winter and the temperatures start hovering around the freezing mark, you'll hear them behind you in the check-line, conversing

in the halls, and chatting on their cell phones about how unbelievably cold it's getting.

"Can you believe how cold it's getting?" says Mary on the phone with her sister in the elevator. Can you believe it!? You think, It's December, Lady!

As the snow starts to fall, Snow-Haters become identifiable from even long distances. They look angry and disgusted as they clean their vehicles off. You will start hearing comments like, "I'm so sick of this snow already,"

or "Will it ever stop snowing?" and, of course, "Can you believe all of this snow we're getting?"

What I can't believe is that these people haven't discovered that they're living at the southwest tip of a gigantic lake that produces large amounts of lake effect snow, and when the conditions are right, it get's dumped on Northwest Indiana. We hear it all the time in the local forecast on the television and radio, so I don't know why these people haven't figured this out.

It's also highly probable these are the same people who forget how to drive in winter conditions. Every year when the first significant snowfall hits, there are always a handful of people who seem to completely lose all memory of handling a vehicle on slick pavement and end up causing an accident or sliding off the road. Perhaps they're suffering from chionophobia, the abnormal fear or dislike of snow, or just Season Mood Disorder.

Whatever it may be, winter is a facet of our region. Some people love it; they buy sleds, snowmobiles, go ice-skating or cross-country skiing. Others openly hate it; they stay inside watching television with their space-heaters and Snuggles and put on fifteen pounds counting the days until spring. For those of you, whether you're a Snow Hater or just suffer from winter blues, either learn to appreciate winter for its splendor and beauty and stop complaining, or please, start looking for real estate in a warmer climate.

Stay Relaxed During Finals Week: 7 Tips to help relieve your daily stress

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

Every semester students go through the same situation at finals. Many shake their heads at the typical advice to eat healthy, exercise, and get some sleep. However, there is an easy way to incorporate these suggestions, and more, into your life to help you achieve a week more tranquil than ever before.

1. Eat healthy. Yes, the one you all ready know about. Yet, it is easier than ever with the help of the PNC cafeteria. Now, students can make a salad out of fresh cut spinach. It is a proven fact that the tasty greens are loaded in magnesium, a mineral that stops blood pressure from spiking and, in turn, reduces the affects of stress on the body. Make sure to top the salad with some stress busting mushrooms, eggs and cheese for protein, and crunchy croutons for carbs to balance out your diet.

2. Epsom salts bath. There is no reason you can't soak in a tub filled with two cups of Epsom salts while you study. Learn those bio terms while you ease any muscle or joint discomfort and flush your body of unwanted toxins. This is known as multitasking, and it will be your best friend during your college years.

3. Listen to some calming music. This can be heaven when you're still in the tub, but it is also beneficial while you are preparing for your exams. Are you a student who uses your laptop

while studying? Simply check out the internet radio at Pandora.com and create a free account. "Zen Garden" is a wonderful station to listen to while you enhance your brain with book knowledge.

4. Sex up your day. Numerous studies have shown that sexual intercourse directly affects blood pressure. Many people who are stressed tend to have a low libido. You may not be into it at the moment, but orgasms will



PHOTO BY SARAH LASSER

relieve the stress that is already present in the body creating a positive mood change. Turn down the lights, light some candles (another stress reliever!), and play around with that special someone. You'll both be more prepared for your exams.

5. Take a break. No, not for the newest episode of NCIS. Take short 10 minutes and go for a quick walk around the block. On campus, you can always pack your bags and move to a new study spot in a different building. If it's too cold for your little toes to be out, go for an indoor stroll; remember each

building on campus has three floors that you bum around on. Exercise is one of the key ways to keep your brain active and focused. You may not think you have the time to take a break, but 10 minutes away from the books will ultimately save you from hours of unfocused, unproductive studying. Making it a 10 minute walking break will re-energize and revitalize your entire system

6. Watch your caffeine intake. It's true that around finals time, you will need an extra boost to keep you going. However, excess caffeine in your diet will actually be harmful. While it is true that a cup of Joe will stimulate your brain and focus your mind, it is also true that consuming more caffeine than what your body is used to on a regular basis will have an adverse affect; it serves to distract and leads to irritation. It would be better to take a power nap or sleep in an extra hour than to overdose your body on caffeine.

7. Meditate. Don't know how? No worries. PNC has a relatively new club for you. The Tai Chi and Yoga club meets every other Friday and serves to teach students the two art forms as well as meditation skills. Contact club president Flavia Lee-Cheng at fleebb00@pnc.edu for the exact time and date of the next meeting.

Following a couple of these principles would be ideal, yet following only one will still help improve your stress levels. Stop and take a couple of deep breaths right now as you read this and you are already on your way. Good luck on your finals!

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HOLIDAY EVENTS

oling Girl Scout troops, and train rides for children around the courthouse.

Holiday Pops Concert- December 11th, 7 p.m.

The 16th annual holiday concert at the Civic Center in La Porte sells out quickly, so advance ticket purchases are advised. Proceeds benefit the Visiting Nurses Association, and general admission tickets are \$10. The concert will feature the La Porte County Symphony Orchestra Children's Chorus. For information, call 219.326.2471.

Kriskindlmarket- November 24th-December 24th

The 15th annual Kriskindlmarket kicks off in Daley Plaza in Chicago on November. The authentic German Christmas market features craft vendors, German food stands, and hand-painted glass ornaments. For information, visit www.christkindlmarket.com.

Mistletoe Market- December 4th, 9-3 p.m.

An extension of the European Market in downtown Chesterton, the Mistletoe market will take place in the Westchester Intermediate School gymnasium. European vendors, fresh Christmas trees, and a live harpist will make this event memorable for groups of all ages.

Zoolights- 4-9 p.m.

Brookfield Zoo in Chicago lights up for the holidays with over 120 animated displays and hundreds of twinkling lights. Zoolights features ice carvings, a special dolphin show, and live entertainment. For dates and times, visit www.czs.org.

Kouts Christmas Open House- December 4-5th.

Pick up a map at either gas station at the intersection of IN 49 and IN 8 to navigate through the various open houses in Kouts. Craft and food vendors open visitors into their homes between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. A fun event for all ages! For more information, call 219.766.3791.

Ice Skating, Deep River Water Park

With seasonal lighting and food stands, ice skating is the perfect activity for family fun or romantic dates. The 14,500 square foot skating rink is open November through February, weather permitting. For information, call 219.947.7840.

Breakfast with Santa- December 5th, 7:30 a.m.-noon

An all-you-can-eat French toast breakfast will benefit Reins of Life, which provides horseback therapy to people with disabilities. The breakfast will take place at St. John's United Church of Christ, where baked goods will be for sale.

Festival of Lights- December 4th, 3:30 p.m.

A parade will kick off the Festival of lights in Michigan City. Followed by a bonfire, the parade will head down Parker Parkway. A chili cook-off will take place at 4p.m, followed by the lighting ceremony at Washington Park at 5p.m. For information, visit emichigancity.com.

Hobart Holiday Market- December 11th

Crafts, gifts, decorations, and homemade candy will be for sale at the Festival Park Community Center in Hobart. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and is free and open to the public.

Holiday Bliss or the Holiday Pits?

By Nichole Murphy
Contributor

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way...well not for all.

The holiday season is supposed to be one of happiness and cheer, but for thousands of Americans, the holiday season is quite challenging to get through. Difficulties around the holidays vary, yet all seem to intensify when holiday cheer is just around the corner. Here are some of the most common holiday stressors and possible holiday fixes. Do you fit into any of these categories?

Holiday Stressor: Finances

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 14.8 million people are unemployed in the United States today; it is no wonder why we are feeling the financial crunch this year. Many people feel that in order to provide a "happy"

holiday to others they must break the bank.

Holiday Fix

Budget, budget, budget!! Working within your means will help to prevent buyer's remorse and help keep finances on track. The holidays are about family togetherness and giving thanks for what we have. The best gifts do not always come with a monetary value.

Holiday Stressor: Time Restraints

There are only 24 hours in a day and we are continually trying to stretch the minutes. During the holidays many of us are literally "on the run." With so many places to visit and family obligations, we are spread thin, potentially leading to an extremely stressful holiday season.

Holiday Fix

Planning ahead can help the stress of getting from point A to point B. However, realizing that there are limits

to what one can do is the key. Saying "no" is okay and can actually relieve pressure. As you are making sure that others are content, be sure to take 10 minutes just for yourself.

Holiday Stressor: Family Conflicts

The family feud; every family experiences it from time to time, but feuds can also impact those not directly involved. Being placed in the middle, or being told they need to pick a side, can be damaging. Misunderstandings and arguments can put quite a damper on holiday festivities by splitting a family apart rather than bringing them closer together.

Holiday Fix

Stay neutral and stay true to who you are. Having an opinion is okay, and it is also okay to stand your ground as long as the convictions are justifiable. Family feuds are sometimes not fixed easily, but trying to see things from another's

point of view can help to shed light on ways to resolve the issue at hand.

Holiday Stressor: Loss

Many of us have lost a loved one that we hold dear to us. Celebrating without them can bring about feelings of depression, grief, and guilt for rejoicing

without them.

Holiday Fix

There is no quick holiday fix here. Yet, knowing that there are others who feel sadness around the holiday season because they too have lost a loved one can work as a salve. Reach out if you are feeling alone or isolated, and talk about your feelings. Chances are there is someone out there who feels the same way you do. You are not alone.

We all want to enjoy the holiday season with our friends and loved ones, but in order to do so we must learn to balance our hectic lives and take time for ourselves. Knowing that we have limits, and respecting those limits, helps to manage our stress. If we as individuals are less stressed, this can only make the holiday season for those around us all that more enjoyable, which for many, is the ultimate goal.

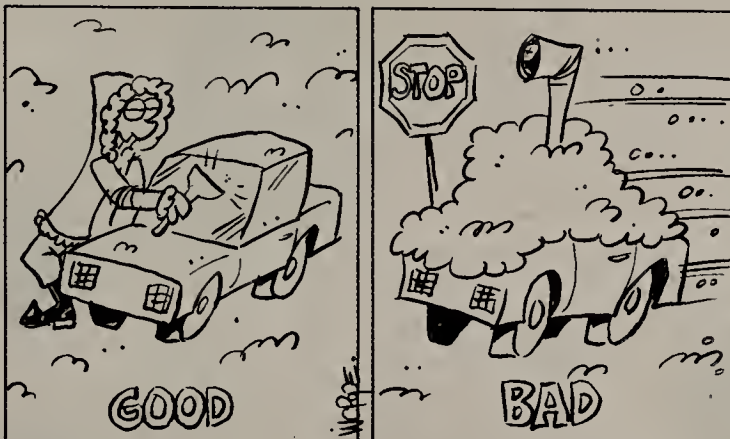
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Winter Safety from the Campus Police Department

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

Sometimes we hear the same advice over and over again. Sometimes there are just one or two things mentioned that have never crossed our minds. Here is a check list from the campus police to help you in having a safe winter on the road:

- Always make sure that you have enough gas in your car before you leave. It is best to keep at least half a tank full at all times.
- DO NOT take short cuts. Main roads are always plowed and salted first. Also, more people will travel on the main roads ensuring a better possibility for passersby if you are to get into trouble.
- Use the SAME ROUTE each time you travel and make sure someone knows to expect you soon. This way, if you are to get into trouble and for some reason cannot contact any help (no one drives by, your cell phone is dead, or you are hurt), then when your parents or friends report you missing they can tell the police what roads to look for you on.
- Put something heavy in your trunk, such as a bag of cat litter, to weigh your car down and give you traction.
- Keep an ice scraper in your car, and use it. DO NOT take off until all of your windows are completely clear. Many accidents occur due to ice and snow affecting



the visibility of drivers.

- Winterize your car. Check for leaks. Is your antifreeze up to snuff? Make sure all lights, including emergency lights, are functioning properly. Have your tires checked to make sure they are in good shape to handle the roads, and your battery to ensure that it is charging fully.
- Have your exhaust system checked while you are at it. However, even if it works fine, it is advised that you crack open a window for fresh air if you are driving a distance or are stuck in traffic. Being cooped up in your car for hours on end may put you at risk for carbon monoxide poisoning.
- It is a good idea to program local authorities into your cell phone. Dialing 911

may lead you to be reconnected to either the state or local police departments. Having the numbers programmed into your phone will ensure you are connected to the right office immediately.

- SLOW DOWN. Leave early if you have to in order to get to where you are going in a safe manner.
- Create an emergency kit to keep in your trunk. Some items to include would be: a blanket, extra clothes, a small shovel, emergency flags that attach to your car as a signal for help, emergency flares if you drive on roads that are not frequently used, and water. Be advised that water will freeze in extremely low temperatures, so it may be best to carry a new bottle with you each time you get into your car.

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Poet Jake Adam York Visits PNC

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

Poet Jake Adam York's voice filled the tiered-seated room on the second floor of the Schwarz building November 9, 2010. Students who had gathered to hear his reading sat quietly spaced around the room letting his calming, deep tones enlighten them.

An Associate Professor of English and Director of Creative Writing at the University of Colorado in Denver, York has spent numerous years of spare time compiling original poems into three collections. His first book, *Murder Ballads*, was released in 2005. *A Murmuration of Starlings* came out in 2008 and was followed by *Persons Unknown*, the latter having been recently released is said to be a continuation of the former.

This latest book of poetry is a compilation of individual poems that serve as portraits of the men and women who lost their lives in the Civil Rights movement only decades ago. York read some of the pieces when he came out to PNC this past month. Lines upon lines were filled with harsh, demanding verse that created the sense

of violence of the historical time.

Even York's "Natural History of Mississippi" disturbs the audience with the use of terms such as corrodes, darken, burn and bitter to signify a violent history. Another poem he read consisted of the integration of the University of Mississippi in 1962. It focused on the attempt to kill civil rights activist James Meredith.

After his reading of select poems, York opened the floor for a question and answer segment. He began with a question of how to know when a poem is completed. York revealed that when creating a new piece, he spends a good amount of time thinking about it before ever putting pen to paper. He begins by thinking of a line that usually finds its place in the middle of a work, and then going about how to get there and how to find a way away from it.

York also went on to discuss his poem "Hush." With a frightening tone, it makes one think of Edgar Allan Poe. The idea behind "Hush" comes from the York's childhood. As a boy, he was not allowed to watch much television until he was about 12 years old. Thus, as he says, "I grew up with stories." York goes on to reminisce that "fairy



York answers questions after a reading of his poetry.
PHOTO BY SARAH LASSER

tales are pretty creepy."

Knowing that his Mom's bedtime stories scared him, it is no wonder that "Hush" came to be. The poem captures how parents will always tell their children to shut up and go to bed when they are frightened at night. There is

telling repetitions in his lines "It's just the wind."

Overall, PNC students and faculty were treated to an event worth their while.

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VETERAN'S DAY

the one I happened across on November 11th, then I have missed out on some great things.
I arrived a bit late, and Dr. Kim Scipes was already introducing the event's special guests. Following his introduction, Mr. Mark Strudas, PNC's Veterans Club President gave a touching welcome. Strudas stated that

Veteran's Day is indeed a special time to remember our soldiers, but that addressing veterans' issues should not be a once-a-year occurrence. Veterans have sacrificed so much for the rest of us, some for years and years, and we need to remember that more often. Very eloquently, he insisted that the next time you see a veteran, instead of just shaking his or her hand stop and ask him what you can do for him. How can you make her day a little easier? He would almost certainly do the same for you.

Mr. Derek Giffin, winner of the 2010-2011 Veterans Club Scholarship essay contest, was also given time to read his prize winning essay. One of Giffin's main points was that we as a society are much farther removed from our soldiers than in days past. During World War II, civilians rationed food, grew their own gardens, gave up buying "necessities" like new cars and homes, and much more. These ideas are almost unfathomable to the modern civilian. In fact, supporting our troops these days means buying more useless

things. Giffin bluntly and powerfully stated that wearing a yellow ribbon or buying a bumper sticker is all well and good, but it does absolutely nothing for the soldiers. Wearing a ribbon or T-shirt may make you look like a patriotic individual, but it is a cop out if that is all you have done. Soldiers are humans who have needs and struggles, and they deserve more help from us because of their great sacrifice.
The presentation came to a close with a beautiful rendition of "America the Beautiful" by Dr. Sharron Jenkins,

accompanied by Mr. Tony Campbell on the piano. I was very touched by the honesty and sincerity of the whole presentation. It made me contemplate my own actions and inactions in regards to our veterans. I want to thank The Veterans Club of PNC for doing something truly great for our school, and all of our veterans for doing a great service for the country.



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MR. DEREK GRIFFIN READS HIS WINNING ESSAY

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Awareness - Hispanic Communities in Northwest Indiana Gather at PNC

ByNichole Murphy
Contributor

On October 28, 2010, PNC hosted a discussion panel on “Hispanic Communities in Northwest Indiana: Past, Present and Future.” Presented by Dr. Kenneth Kincaid, the panel consisted of Professor James Lane of Indiana University Northwest who is the co-editor of Forging a Community: The Latino Experience in Northwest Indiana, 1919-1975; Ramón and Trisha (Hull) Arredondo, authors of Maria’s Journey (a family’s story of their migration from Mexico to East Chicago, Ind.); Monica Cavinder, director of El Puente; and the Chancellor of Ivy Tech, Dr. José Guadalupe Valtierra.

The panel seemed to engage all in attendance and when you looked around the audience did not solely consist of Hispanic American PNC students, but rather it was filled with all ages and many different races. The panel members all had one unison message and that was one of awareness; awareness that our culture is complied with an array of people with different types of needs. Being “aware” will lead to change, growth, and achievement that will only help to enhance the com-



Hispanic author Ramon Arredondo speaks.
PHOTO BY NICHOLE MURPHY

munities in which we all live.

Lane addressed the influx of Hispanic labors and their families in Northwest Indiana cities during the booming age of the steel mills. This time period established a base community of Hispanics that continues to grow till this day.

Author’s Ramón and Trisha (Hull) Arredondo told of the personal journey

of Ramón’s family to the United States. The story explained the how and why his family came to put down roots in the Northwest Indiana. Ramón discusses his mother’s unwavering determination to provide her children with the tools to have a better life by raising them in the United States.

Their story is a personal memoir that allows one to understand why so many Hispanics migrated from Mexico in search of something more. Ramón and Trisha stated that eventually profits from the book will be used to set up scholarships for students.

El Puente is an organization that helps Hispanics with the difficulties that come along with migrating to a new country. Cavinder spoke on the communication, education, and job assistance programs as well as the medical services that are available to the

public. El Puente tries to help Hispanics in need to more easily adapt to the society in Northwest Indiana. Cavinder also spoke of the higher health risks that Hispanics are susceptible to, such as diabetes and obesity after moving the United States due to the change in diet.

Valtierra, spoke on how education among Hispanics and all minority groups is vital to becoming successful.

He explained how his parent’s education did not excel past the third grade in Mexico, and when his family migrated to Northwest Indiana he took advantage of every opportunity that was available to him thus leading to his success today. Education helps to open the doors to opportunities that may have not been available otherwise.



Professor James Lane addresses the audience. PHOTO BY NICHOLE MURPHY

The Student Government Hosts a Rock-Paper-Scissors Tournament

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

PNC student government Vice President, Taylor Coleman, hosted the recent Rock-Paper-Scissors tournament held in mid-November.

Set up in LSF 144, energizing music blared as the tensions rose in the speedy game. Movements were as

quick as the eye as contenders beat their fists twice in succession before settling on hand cues meant to resemble a rock, piece of paper, or pair of scissors.

The tournament opened on a Monday with Devon Hogan the winning champion. A new game began on the second and last day, ending with another female champion, Val Mamouzelous.

The two winners were unfortunately unable to set a schedule to duke it out for the ultimate championship, thus leaving PNC with co-champions for the 2010 tourney. Additional pictures of Tuesday’s game can be found on The Voice website.



Students gather in a round of Rock-Paper-Scissors.
PHOTO BY SARAH LASSER



Tuesday’s champion, Val Mamouzelous (left) shakes hands with runner up, Dave Hunt, overseen by host, Taylor Coleman (back).
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Meet Your Peers Amy Kanyer Sets Off To Disney World

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

Name: Amy Kanyer
Age: 20
Major: Communications
Year: Junior
Advice: “I think it is good to challenge yourself and look for opportunities.”

Amy Kanyer came to PNC as an education major with an idea of transferring out after a couple semesters. “My family’s born and bred Ball Staters,” claims Kanyer. Yet living in Michigan City, the young woman looked into PNC because of its locality. She liked the idea of having a low student to instructor ratio, and the fact that she can work and live around the schedules offered at PNC. Kanyer states that the smaller, intimate classes are wonderful for “being able to establish a rapport with my teachers and peers.”

The only disadvantage that Kanyer sees at PNC is that there is



not a lot of interaction between students and activities offered. It was a bit of a disappointment for her that the Oral Interpretation Presentation last October was so scantily attended. Participating in the event was a joy, yet the lack of school spirit is a bit disheartening.

Upon assimilating to the PNC

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In Case You Weren't There: The World History of December

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

Here we are, December already! Let's have a look at what's been going on in the world during years past while others were doing their Christmas shopping.

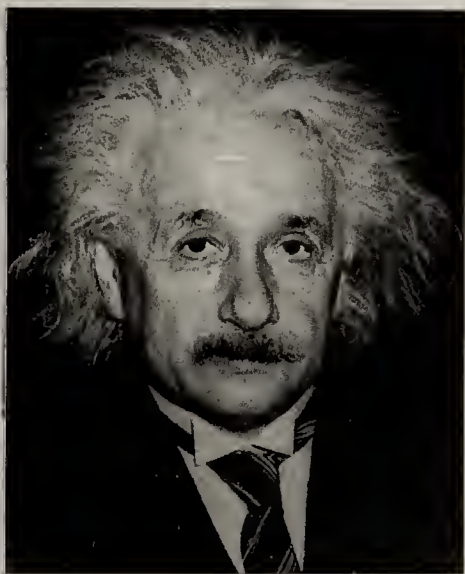
On December 3, 1621, Galileo invented the telescope. He began working on the telescope after hearing mere rumors of a device that could make distant objects appear closer. Galileo presented his finished telescope to the Senate of Venice, and promptly received a raise and promotion. He went on to discover all sorts of useful things, like the fact that the Earth is not the center of the universe. That discovery was not as well received.

A short 294 years and 10 days later, Albert Einstein published his General Theory of Relativity. Apparently December is a great month for scientific breakthroughs!

It has also been a great month for entertainment. On the same date as Einstein's theory was published, 51 years later, Jimi Hendrix released his first single, "Hey Joe," in the United Kingdom. On December 13, 1759, the first music store in America opened in Philadelphia. On the same date in 1843, A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

was published.

Unfortunately, as with all great things there must come an end, and December has had its share of losses as well. New Year's Eve, 1995, Cartoonist Bill Watterson ended his beloved



Calvin and Hobbes comic strip, devastating children and adults alike. The writer of this article happens to own most of the Calvin and Hobbes collections.

Christmas Day 1997, comedian Jerry Seinfeld announces that one more season of the hit sit-com Seinfeld will be made. What an awful Christmas present that was! Upon hearing the news, I remember locking myself in my

room for weeks, weeping into my pillow and eating a steady diet of Yoohoo, breakfast cereal, and take out Chinese food.

Have you ever been to a New Year's party that you wished could just go on forever? Well in 2008, the International Earth Rotation and Reference Systems Service helped you out a bit, and you may not have even known it! The ERRS keeps track of the universal time by atomic clocks, and occasionally must alter this time due to slight shifts in the Earth's rotation. On December 31, 2008 at 23

hours, 59 minutes, and 59 seconds the ERRS officially added one additional second to the year 2008. Party on!

The World as We Know It: Weird News from around the World

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

BOISE, Ida.— Kristina Ross has of recent been charged with practicing without a license. What kind of doctor was she impersonating, you ask? A plastic surgeon. Allegedly, Ross frequented bars in the Boise area posing as a surgeon to fellow women. She then proceeded to give them checkups/estimates by fondling their breasts right there at the bar. Leaving with the number of an actual licensed plastic surgery firm, many of the girls later called to make an appointment only to learn that they had been duped. The story turns even more absurd as local authorities search down Ross and learned that before the year 2004, she was actually a man by the name of Kristoffer Jon Ross. Apparently, the man has been regretting his sex change.

nicknamed Porn in a Cup. The actual name of Fisher's concoction is Dieci, an Italian word meaning 10. The selling point is that his single cup of joe con-



Kristina Ross PHOTO COURTESY OF
BOISE POLICE DEPARTMENT

tains ten shots of espresso. The caffeine in one cup could send a person's heart racing beyond control. Yet, although Fisher claims he will suggest alternatives for those he deems too old to handle the caffeine rush, he makes no claim refusing a sale to minors.

LAWRENCEBURG, Ky.— The ultimate revenge of old dudes does not consist of a physical match of strength. No, it is the act of forcing the other to eat his beard. After a verbal argument between three men, two of them allegedly worked together to make the third consume his own facial hair. James Hill reportedly held a sickle to the victim as Troy Holt cut off and force-fed the victim his own beard. Gone for them are the good ol' days when a black eye could settle a dispute.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.— Yet another warning to be careful who you friend on Facebook. Apparently, when Melanie Beacham, a woman in her mid-thirties, defaulted on her car loan, the collection agency her account fell to became frustrated with a lack of communication and turned to unique means to contact her. The agency not only posted messages on her personal wall, but also invaded her network of friends and family posting messages on their boards regarding the unpaid debt. Citing an infringement of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Beacham is suing the collections agency.

US Tax Money Being Used to Violate Human Rights in Middle East

By Vesna Bukur
Contributor

Overshadowed by other Middle Eastern conflicts, the tension between the Israelis and Palestinians is often overlooked. In an attempt to minimize and justify the problem, the American media has intentionally left one side out of the news. Instigated by the Zionist movement, the conflict over

the control of the Gaza strip has intensified since the late 1800s. However, what most Americans don't know is the level of involvement our government has in the conflict, and how much of our tax dollars go towards encouraging violence against the Palestinians.

The current population in Israel is 96% Muslim and Christian, yet many of these families are prohibited from returning to their homes because Israel is a self-declared Jewish state. Currently, 10,000 Palestinians are held in Israeli jails, many without the hope of a trial.

Physical abuse and torture are rampant in these jails, and a humanitarian crisis has arisen because medical supplies and food are prevented from entering Palestinian territory. Flotillas of food and supplies are intercepted by Israeli forces, and the international port has been closed by Israelis to prevent the transfer of weapons, food, and other strategic

supplies to the Palestinians.

Israeli forces invade almost on a daily basis; and kidnappings, killings, and other violent acts are a commonplace. Despite these facts, the US government gives Israel \$7 million of taxpayer money each day, more than any other nation (ifamericansknew.org). This is mostly due to special interest lobbyists who see the Gaza strip as a place of special political and economic interest to the

US. This pro-Zionist group has hijacked US foreign policy towards Israel, putting the US government at odds with the rest of the world.

In securing a land for a people without a land, there is no compromise when the solution involves kicking innocent bystanders out of their homes. The assistance of the United States on behalf of the Israelis has only intensified the conflict and created more and more violence.

As more and more Americans become aware of the senseless spending of valuable tax dollars in the conflict, opposition to Israeli support grows. However, President Barack Obama was quoted criticizing Israel's plan to build 1,000 housing units in Jerusalem, which involves bulldozing Palestinian homes and uprooting thousands more people.

Criticism is not enough — the US must cease to fund a conflict that promotes violence and the violation of human rights. As citizens, we must actively search for the truth. Perhaps knowing the truth will persuade us to fight for our tax dollars to be put to a better cause than funding violence in a troubled land.

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Happiness, Luck and Prosperity: The Chinese Artwork Exhibition at PNC



This piece by Guo Lan Lu has two meanings- "quiet" and "smells good." PHOTO BY NICHOLE MURPHY

By Nichole Murphy
Contributor

The Chinese Artwork Exhibition held at PNC in LSF 144 on Nov. 22 and 23, represented a collection of organic pieces with the themes of happiness, luck, prosperity, and success flowing through them. The exhibition was com-

prised of a variety of different mediums such as drawings, paintings, and hand cut red tissue paper. A variety of different artists were represented and Guo Lan Lu (Alana) was on hand to answer a few questions on some of the pieces at the exhibition.

Lu's piece is an elegant white flower stemming from a vase with different hues of blue. She states the piece is a "slow drawing" because the piece is painted "layer by layer." Every tier has to dry before the next can be started. Her piece symbolizes two meanings, one of quietness and the other of a pleasant scent.

The banner sized drawing of the eight horses by Chen Ming Yang represents success. This type of drawing is created on a smaller scale and is often given to friends and family wishing them a successful life in the Chinese culture. Lu states that this is often given to those who have just completed their education, wishing them success on their future endeavors.

Peony flowers painted in shades of magenta, purple and orange on a generous sized fan symbolize prosperity by artist You Dong Wang. The giving of the peony within the Chinese culture represents the hope of prosperity for the

one receiving the flower. When the peony blooms, it is thought that riches also bloom thus leading to prosperity.

Red is one of the most important colors within the Chinese culture. The color signifies happiness and is habitually used in many ways and forms.

On exhibition were nine red hand cut pieces made from a material close to that of tissue paper. These delicate art pieces were placed on a white background to emphasize their content. They were composed of different drawings, with most representing luck. The names of the artists were not given but Lu explained that she had made many of these pieces and that they are quite difficult to master. She also stated the red artwork is often placed on or above doors to bring or offer good luck.

The artwork presented at the Chinese Artwork Exhibition was very uplifting and positive. The pieces were tranquil and represented goodwill offered to others. Yet, although the artwork of many artists was shown, there was still a sense of cohesiveness between the eye pleasing pieces.



Fan with peonies by You Dong Wang. When peony flowers bloom they represent prosperity and riches. PHOTO BY NICHOLE MURPHY



"Eight Horses Used to Wish a Successful Life" By Chen Ming Yang PHOTO BY NICHOLE MURPHY

Sushi Lovers Need Not Travel Far for Great Sushi: Fuji Japanese Restaurant in Portage a Must!

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

My girlfriend Dana and I recently sat down to have some delicious sushi at Fuji Japanese Restaurant in Portage, IN as we have done many, many times before. It is our go-to choice when we want to have a nice evening out and we are not feeling particularly adventurous or wanting to try something new. Sadly, there are many people who consider sushi too adventurous no matter the occasion. My goal is to convince those people otherwise.

The restaurant is always very clean. The service is quick, and we have never received anything that was not precisely what we ordered,

even if we ask to alter the dish. The ingredients are fresh, which is an absolute must with sushi. The food is prepared by only one chef, and many of the sushi rolls are works of art.

For a moment, you would think it a shame to mar such a lovely creation. But, those thoughts quickly fade as you take the first bite. Outside of the kitchen, the same woman and younger man are the other familiar faces that greet us every visit. They all work equally as hard to make your stay a unique and rewarding experience. The entire staff has an attention to detail and pride in their work that is missing from many of today's restaurants.

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Red Dead Redemption

Recently released video game reviews at 5 out of 5 stars

By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

The video game company Rockstar is most famous for its immensely popular Grand Theft Auto series. Recently, however, the videogame giant decided to take a gamble by combining their signature sandbox game-play with the Wild West. The highly anticipated titled

Red Dead Redemption boasts the largest free roam environment yet.

The storyline begins in New Austin, a fictitious version of 1911 Texas. During the course of the game, you will travel to the Great Plains, vast deserts, and explore Old Mexico. Your persona is Jack Marsten, a retired gang member. Immediately after starting the game, you will find yourself forced into

a position where you must assist the federal government in apprehending Bill Williamson, your old partner.

As Marsten, you have little choice in this matter because they've got your wife and kid. The story line follows the pursuit of Williamson, but along the way there are

plenty of side missions and challenges to keep you occupied for days on end. There are countless tasks that pop up along the way; like breaking horses, bounty hunting, dueling, herb collecting, hunting game, gambling, and always the occasional stranger in need of assistance.

The people at Rockstar outdid themselves with the visual aspect of this game. The virtual West is beautifully recreated with sprawling landscapes and changing weather patterns. The sun sets and the darkness transforms everything into a dangerous world where nocturnal animals prowl in the night. The attention to detail, shadow, and natural flora is easily recognized.

This amazing environment is accompanied by an original soundtrack and realistic sound effects. Special

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Dear Sam,

I need help. I've talked to all of my friends about this situation and no one seems to be able to agree on it. How many times can you go out with a guy before you should stop seeing other people, or tell him that you're seeing other people? I have been out with this one guy quite a few times now and I'm still dating two other people. I really like this guy and I can tell he wants it to get more serious but I don't think I'm ready to end my relationships with my other guy friends just yet. One of my friends says I shouldn't have to tell him unless he asks, but other friends say I should have already told on our very first date.

Fear of Commitment Chickie

Dear Chickie,

You're making a very complicated situation for yourself by not telling this

under the wrong impression already. To avoid misunderstandings, give your partners the respect of knowing your intentions and expectation of the relationship, at least by the second or third date.

Dear Sam,

The Holidays are coming and I'm so depressed I don't think I will make it through them. Last year my grandparents were both killed in a fatal car crash. According to their will, the house was supposed to be sold through a real estate company and the possession inside it would be divided up among the family. Well, my family fought like baboons over their antique furniture. Grown men and women were acting like babies for wardrobes and end tables. Now, my whole family hates each other. All four of my grandparents' children, and their husbands and wives,

guy with won't speak to one another. Even the majority of my cousins won't speak to me! Not only are my grandparents gone and the house where we had every holiday diner for my entire life, but my family is gone, too. I feel like I should do something to try and bring everyone together for Christmas.

Unhappy Holiday

Dear Holiday,

The emotions you are experiencing from the loss of your grandparents is obviously still fresh and raw. The conflict between your family is just a little salt on the wound, and the fact that the Holidays are approaching doesn't help any either. Unfortunately, there is nothing you can do to smooth over this problem, and forcing everyone to confront each other on the holidays isn't a very good idea. The only thing that can help this situation is time. Once everyone cools off from the emotional toll of grief they might come to their senses and reconcile on their own terms. If not, it's out of your control and there is no reason for you to carry any guilt. This Holiday Season, spend it with your mom and dad, keep it simple, and be thankful for what you have. If you need someone to talk to, don't forget there are people to help you in the Dean of Students office, located in the LSF building.

FROM PAGE 6

KANYER

lifestyle, Kanyer was able to open her eyes fully and see all the opportunities before her. Being flexible and adapting to some changes, the young student developed an interest in the communication department.

One of her first classes after settling on a communications major was one under the tutelage of Dr. Daniel Padberg. Kanyer expresses how the class went, with an emphasis on how she, as a student, felt Padberg really wanted his pupils to succeed in life. He made a difference in her collegiate career in pushing her to challenge herself.

Pushing herself to new limits is basically how Kanyer chooses to live her life nowadays. Having found out about internships from the Disney Corporation from her peers, Kanyer researched the possibility in depth. As a way to challenge herself fully, the young woman applied for a position at the beginning of this school year.

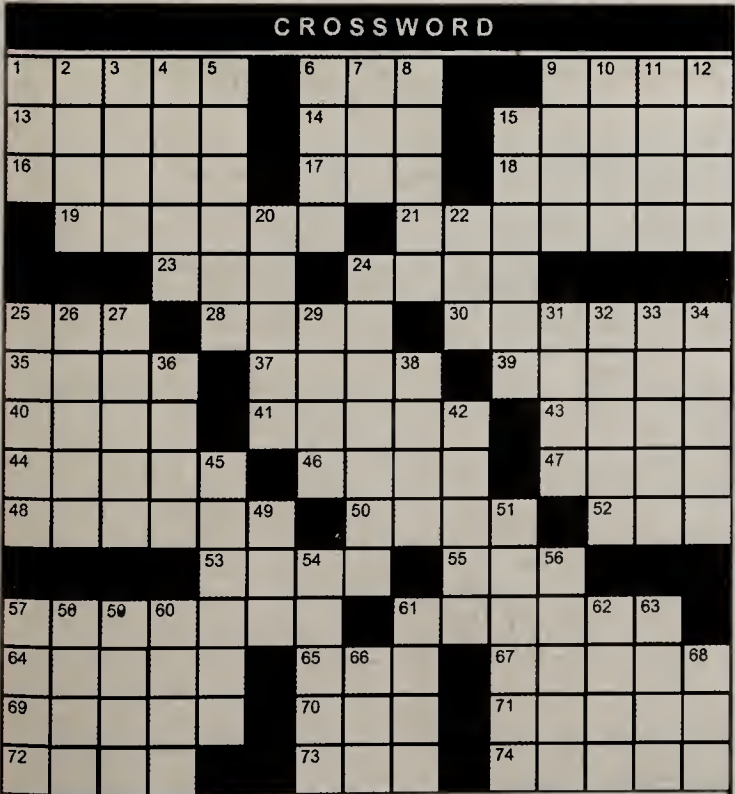
It took a while for Disney to respond. Kanyer anxiously awaited a response, which took eight weeks in coming. Yet, in the end, her persistence was rewarded with an in-

ternship within the merchandising department of the Disney World Resort in Florida. She is scheduled to leave after the first of the 2011 year, as the program runs from January 12 through May 13.

Kanyer goes on to explain that her internship will encompass the spring semester, and she will be granted six credits for going. She does have to pay for her way out there and the regular class fee PNC charges, but the experience working there is free. To remain a full time student, Kanyer will take an online course from PNC and sit through a corporate communications class offered by the onsite Disney institute, which will count as a three credited transfer course.

Working now at the Nature's Cupboard in Michigan City while picking up spare shifts at Brewsters in New Buffalo, the job at Disney World will not only be a nice change, but also a way to practice the skills learned while attending PNC. Most of all, Kanyer claims to be looking forward to being outside the classroom and being offered the ability to test and challenge herself in new ways.

"...and she will be granted six credits for going."



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HEROES & VILLAINS

ACROSS

- 1. Breathers
- 6. *The bat signal, so to speak
- 9. *Both good and bad guys do it in pro wrestling ring
- 13. *Done by hero to damsel in distress on train tracks
- 14. Twin-__ engine
- 15. One of fairytale-telling brothers
- 16. Formerly known as dropsy
- 17. "___ we there yet?"
- 18. Spooky
- 19. *It bit Peter Parker?
- 21. *Green ___
- 23. *___ Holliday of the Old West
- 24. Small ladies' handbag
- 25. *___ heads, a.k.a. Marines
- 28. Gorge
- 30. Pivot for levers, pl.
- 35. Debtor ___ a creditor
- 37. Matured, as in wine
- 39. Type of energy
- 40. Curly-leafed cabbage
- 41. Pulsating pain
- 43. Bell-bottoms or Chia Pets, e.g.
- 44. Author of "All Quiet on the Western Front," given name
- 46. Falls in December, sometimes
- 47. *The Three Musketeers, e.g.

- 48. Right hand page of book
- 50. Wet nurse
- 52. *Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia
- 53. Victim of nervous biting
- 55. Jennifer Affleck ___ Garner
- 57. *The Master of Magnetism
- 61. *The Dark Knight
- 64. Between Pisces and Taurus
- 65. TV's "___ and a Half Men"
- 67. Director's "baby"
- 69. Rosie the Riveter's hardware
- 70. Norwegian "Take On Me" band
- 71. Circular island of coral
- 72. Dog trailer
- 73. Chronic drinker
- 74. Handrail post

DOWN

- 1. Street in Paris
- 2. "All's well that ___ well"
- 3. One stair
- 4. Shy and cautious
- 5. Seaman or sailor
- 6. *"The Lion King" villain
- 7. Rowboat "propeller"
- 8. Small, silvery fish
- 9. "Don't ___ about it"
- 10. Italian currency, pl.
- 11. African chieftain
- 12. *Worthy mutants
- 15. *Unfortunately, villains often have

- this quality
- 20. Enthusiastic approval
- 22. Elf child
- 24. Continuing forever
- 25. *"Clown Prince of Crime"
- 26. Fully informed
- 27. Holy Grail, e.g.
- 29. Exclamations of disgust
- 31. Urban dwelling
- 32. *a.k.a Superman
- 33. Exact halves of diameters
- 34. Known as fire-raising in Britain
- 36. Dissenting clique
- 38. *Ambitious doctor without any special powers
- 42. Sir in Africa
- 45. *Abe Lincoln's nickname
- 49. Scholastic aptitude test
- 51. Cossack general
- 54. Tiny amounts
- 56. Give emotion to
- 57. *Roman god of war
- 58. Seed cover
- 59. Better to do this than to receive?
- 60. Pauper's permanent state
- 61. *Captain Ahab's domain
- 62. Swear
- 63. World's longest river
- 66. First of Five Ws
- 68. Right-angle building extension

Recipe of the Month
Veggie Pizza: a healthy holiday treat

By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

A healthy alternative to traditional holiday favorites, Veggie Pizza is served cold with fresh veggies, creamy sauce, and cheddar cheese.

- 2 Packages of Crescent Rolls
- 2 8 oz. Packages of Cream Cheese
- 1 8 oz. Dean's Sour Cream
- 1 Package of Hidden Valley Ranch Powder (add to taste)
- 1 16 oz. Shredded Cheddar Cheese
- Garlic Powder (add to taste)
- Cauliflower
- Broccoli
- Green Onions
- Match stick carrots

The Crust

Pre-heat oven according to directions on crescent roll tube. Roll out dough onto a 13" by 9" cookie sheet. Spread out flat and evenly to form the crust. Bake according to the directions for normal rolls. Let cool.



Veggie Pizza prepared and ready to serve.
PHOTO BY LISA ROSENKRANZ

The Sauce

Soften cream cheese and mix with sour cream. Blend until smooth. Add ranch to taste. Add a few teaspoons of Garlic powder to taste. Spread evenly over cool crust.

The Veggies

Add or Substitute any veggie. Cauliflower and Broccoli go first. Then cheese. Finally sprinkle with carrots and green onions.

Allow your Veggie Pizza to sit in the fridge at least two hours prior to serving.

FROM PAGE 8

REDEMPTION

attention is paid to make the horses as realistic as possible in their appearance, movement, and behavior.

What keeps gamers coming back to Red Dead Redemption is the online features. In the multiplayer mode, players can explore the free roam environment together, forming gangs or joining with the law while having shootouts and claiming territories. Downloadable content is available, adding new characters, missions, and online extras.

For Halloween of 2010, Rockstar released a download, entitled Undead Nightmare, that included a whole new story mission where

Martsen is required to fight hoards of the undead in search of a cure to save his zombie wife and son. The download also featured a new online game, Undead Overrun. All online content is free for Xbox Live and Playstation Network Users. (Fees for Xbox Live membership do apply.)

Overall, Red Dead Redemption is a must play game. The storyline is genuine and the game itself is a beautiful and breathtaking accomplishment. Rockstar has taken great care into bringing the Western genre into the world of videogames, giving you a complete game that's surely to satisfy your needs whether they are single or multiplayer. IGN gave it a 9.7/10 and G4 gave it 5/5... I give it a 5 out 5 stars.

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SCA CLUB

weekly practice at that time. However, on the last Tuesday of each month, PNC clubbers host a practice welcoming all SCA members and those interested in becoming one.

This past November saw a meeting on the third Tuesday due to the holiday break, where four visitors from the Barony of Ribenstar (in Lafayette) stopped by to practice their fencing skills. Mrs. Barreto explains that unclaimed territory can be claimed by a group by use of zip codes. In fact, this area is under the Region of Constellation. Porter, LaPorte, and Lake counties are all registered under the Shire of Greyhope (visit www.shireofgreyhope.org for more information, including meeting times and places).

Dr. Reynaldo Barreto, Associate Professor of Chemistry, is the club's advisor. Having participated as a member of the society for about twenty years, he is able to make the claim, "I know a little bit of stuff about everything, and a lot of stuff about some things." Obviously, fencing is an art that belongs in the latter group.

However, Barreto has other talents and venues for learning other skills. His wife, another long time member, is a mistress of the laurel (a doer of crafts). The family makes their own garb to wear if required at practices, meetings, and events. His young daughter, having grown up in the society, is even now experimenting with a variety of skills.

Thus, although the SCA is holding practices for people who have personas interested in fencing, there is a plethora of talents one can work on. Not only are their crafts, but also dancers, singers, and equestrian people. Those who find they have a gift for organization may find a profession in politics. For more information please contact Barreto, office in Schwarz 107.



Fencing practice in LSF 144.
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Holiday Gift Ideas For
The Men In Your Life

(StatePoint) Finding the right gifts for the men in your life can be tricky. Nobody wants another boring tie, yet you may not know the new hot item he's craving.

A great solution is to get him accessories for things he already owns or gifts that make his personal favorites even better. From electronic equipment to lawn and garden tools to athletic gear, there are many new products to put a smile on his face.

Electronic Accessories

Most guys love electronics, and the pace of technology is so fast you're sure to find a cool update for his favorite gadget.

While he may already have a cell phone, odds are he can use a better hands-free headset. Some new cool ones, such as the Aliph Jawbone Bluetooth headset, rely on technology originally developed for the military for extreme environments to eliminate background noise from wind or people shouting.

Or get him something to make sense of the technology in his life. A wireless charging pad lets him keep his cell phone, iPod, Blackberry and video game controllers in one place

and charge them all without wires. A variety of pads are available from Duracell, Energizer, Powermat and others.

Lawn and Garden Tools

The handy man who loves yardwork probably already has most of the tools he needs, but there are new products out there that can make his existing tools more efficient.

For example, many guys use chainsaws for pruning, trimming and cleanup, but they can get dull quickly, making yardwork more time-consuming and difficult. But cool add-ons can come to the rescue, such as a PowerSharp portable chain-saw sharpening system that sharpens chain on the saw, in seconds. PowerSharp is a new product from Oregon brand outdoor power equipment that comes with a chain, guide bar and bar-mount sharpener that clips easily to the nose of the bar. To see how it works, visit PowerSharp.com.

Musical Gifts

If he can't live without his favorite music, get him a gift that lets him better enjoy it. For example,

noise canceling headphones are perfect if he likes to listen while outdoors or simply wants a break from the kids. And they don't have to be big and clunky. For example, Bose QuietComfort3 headphones take the company's popular noise-canceling technology and shrink it into a more compact pair. Or get him in-ear earphones, such as those from Shure's Sound Isolating line.

Exercise Aids

Encourage that athletic guy to keep exercising with a gift to keep him going. Try getting him athletic clothes that wick away sweat. You can choose from different types of athletic garments by manufacturers like Under Armour, which makes form-fitting, moisture-wicking athletic gear for professional athletes. The company even is offering Training Favorites Performance Packs that combine different types of gear into one package.

No matter what gift you buy, choose something to make his favorite activities even better.

PNC Athletics Now Broadcast Live

By Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

Purdue North Central athletics are now being broadcast live on the new PNC Athletic Website for your convenience. The live games, broadcast by student interns, can be found in both in audio and visual formats at www.pncathletics.com by student interns. To watch and listen to the games, simply click on the blue "Listen Live" button on the left-hand side of the screen.

The Purdue North Central athletic staff has been trying to build up a better fan base for all athletic events. The live broadcasts are set to begin five minutes prior to the beginning of each game.

Broadcasting the games live not only gives the PNC interns a great experience, but also allows our growing fan base to follow the athletic games from the convenience of their own home if they are unable to attend. If you

miss the game or would like to watch it again, it will be archived for your accommodation.

"Tom Albano, a PNC Communications graduate, established a relationship with Professor Shires and Smithson to establish an internship program," said Director of Student Athletics John Weber. "Nick Doud was the point person from IT and Jace Thompson added the technical support from the basketball staff. These were three of many people who helped bring this together." The new website will soon be posting live stats as well from the games according to Weber.

Many PNC sports have also began taking advantage of social media websites such as Facebook and Twitter to build up a fan base. The new athletic website, social media websites, and live stats have allowed PNC to use new technology as a full advantage.

Two NBA Lakers Players Earn Perfect Game

By Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

Until last weekend, Charles Barkley was the only player in NBA history to record over 20 points without a miss on at least five attempts from the field and the line, plus five rebounds and five assists.

On November 19th, Lakers forward, Matt Barnes, played a perfect game against the Minnesota Timberwolves. Barnes scored 24 points and was 7-for-7 from the field. He also went 5-for-5 free throw shooting while adding 7 rebounds and 6 assists.

As soon as Matt Barnes was recognized for his accomplishments, Lakers center, Paul Gasol, came to steal the show. The very next game, November 21st, Gasol played a perfect game when the team went against the Golden State Warriors.

Gasol scored 28 points, while shooting 10-for-10 from the field and went 8-for-8 for free throw shooting. He also had 9 rebounds and 5 assists during that game. Barnes and Gasol made Barkley's record look easy to



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beat.

Barnes and Gasol are both standouts on the Los Angeles Lakers team. Barnes is averaging 9.4 points per game this season. He is also averaging 5.6 rebounds per game and 2.4 assists per game.

Gasol is arguably one of the best centers in the NBA right now. He is averaging 22.8 points per game with 12.1 rebounds and 4.1 assists per game. With both men on the team, the Los Angeles Lakers currently have a record of 12-2 this season.

PNC Basketball Off to a Rough Start



Panthers vs Titans PHOTO BY JOHN CATES

By Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

The Panthers fall to a record of 0-6 on the season after the November 18th game at Valparaiso University. The men's basketball team is fulfilling

a new style of play from the off-season, along with eight new athletes. This has been a test for the young team. With only three returners to the team, the Panthers are struggling to find the right combination while rotating in all eleven players.

The PNC basketball head coach, Kris Schnatz, commented on a game from this season. "It took longer than what we expected to settle down tonight, but once we finally did, we showed some solid flashes of play." He added, "We know that we will continue to improve each and every night and I believe we have a talented group who is still learning how to play together." The team has shown their talent in many ways, but have failed to put two solid halves of the game together.

The Panthers are being led by Jordan Delks, who is averaging a solid 13.5 points and 4.5 rebounds per game. Nick Neal is also averaging 11.5 points per game with 2.3 rebounds per game. Mike Bobby is averaging 10.5 points per game and is leading the team in rebounds with 7.5 per game.

Coach Schnatz has commented, "This was a good learning experience for our guys. We will improve and we will execute our game plan better as the season goes along. I am confident this group has the ability to compete with the top teams in our conference, we just need some time to learn how to play together."

Another Great Start for the Colts

By Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

Many sports fans say starting the season out the right way is the beginning of a successful year. The Indianapolis Colts have shown that that's not always a true statement. The Colts opened up the 2010 season with a loss to the Houston Texans in an away game. Yet, as of November 21st, the team is 6-4 and tied for first place in the AFC South Division with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

In the NFL as a whole, the Colts are standing in eleventh place. Part of the franchise's success this season has relied on their offense. Tallying

3881 yards this season, the Colt's offense is ranked 3rd best in the NFL.

This is not the case for the Colt's defense team, which has been performing subpar so far this season. Peyton Manning is ranked 1st in the NFL in passing yards after throwing for 3059 through the first 10 weeks of the season. Manning's premier target, Reggie Wayne, is ranked 4th in the NFL in yards receiving with 865 yards.

The Colts will continue their season on November 28th, while hosting a game with the San Diego Chargers. The Chargers are led by quarterback Phillip Rivers who currently has the second highest quarterback rating in

the NFL (102.9). The Chargers have an offense that is averaging 420 yards per game which is the best in the NFL.

For a subpar defense this game could be a challenge. The Colts have based their offense this season around the passing game, and the San Diego Chargers have the best pass defense in the NFL. The Chargers simply have the best defense in the NFL statistically speaking. A strong finish through the remainder of the season could determine another conference championship for the Colts which in turn will show their destiny in the playoffs.

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SUSHI

Our meal started off with a steaming bowl of miso soup, which came complementary. To me, it is the perfect appetizer. It is warm and extremely flavorful, but light enough to not fill you up; perfectly whetting the appetite without taking up valuable room.

We started off by ordering a squid salad, a usual choice for us. It is a cold dish served over a bed of cucumber that is slightly spicy, and wonderfully combines flavors of ginger and sesame.

Next came the rolls. We sampled a small lobster roll, a first for us. It is a lobster and mayonnaise salad

wrapped in rice and seaweed wrapping; simple and delightful.

We then tried two new rolls that were instantly added to our long list of favorites. The first was a trio of fish accompanied by fried shrimp tempura and a sweet sauce drizzled on the top. The crunchy, flavorful shrimp was an excellent contrast to the mild, soft fish.

The next roll was built around eel. Eel may not sound appealing to some, but it is so sweet and flavorful that after the initial shock wears off, you won't think any more of eating it than you would eating crab. The taste is absolutely unique, and it is hands down our favorite ingredient in sushi.

Now, I know many people who would scoff at the very idea of getting sushi so far inland... and Portage isn't exactly the city that pops into one's

mind when sushi is mentioned. The only thing I can say is, try it for yourself. I, myself, have eaten sushi in New York City. I know others who have had sushi in California and Japan. They all agree, Fuji is an excellent choice.

In the last three years, we have been to Fuji at night, during the day, during a dinner rush, and times when no one else was in the restaurant. We have visited with a large group, and often by ourselves. There are few things left on the sushi menu that we have not tried.

I cannot stress enough that we have never had a bad visit. Sometimes it's hard to believe that the single chef can consistently do such a great job, day after day. I struggle to think of anything bad at all to say about Fuji.

Happy Holidays From The Voice



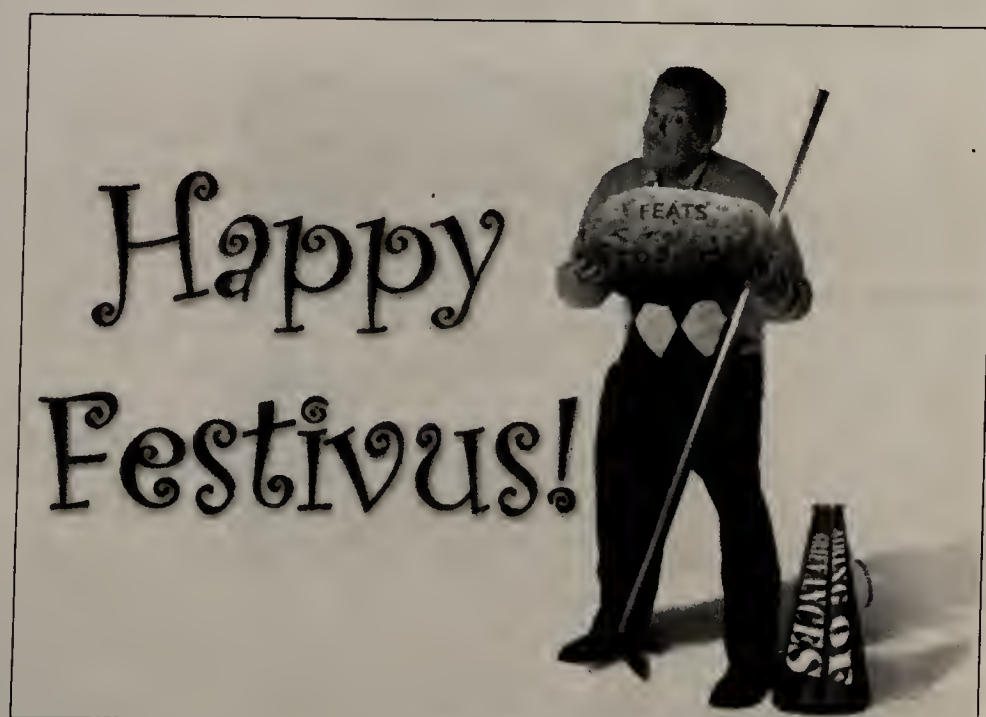
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Marriage vs. Civil Unions: What's the Real Difference Anyway?

By Nichole Murphy
Contributor

Recently our neighboring state, Illinois, has passed a new legislation allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into civil unions. The bill was narrowly passed in the Democratic-controlled Senate and once Gov. Quinn signs the bill it will become law, allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into civil unions as early as the summer of 2011. This new law will allow said couples to enjoy some of the advantages that married couples are permitted to have. Some of the major advantages are:

- *Pension benefits are now available to the surviving partner.
- *They are able to make end-of-life decisions for their partner.
- *They have the right to live in together in nursing homes.

- *Both partners are automatically considered legal parents of children in the relationship.
- *STATE benefits will be made available to the partner of a military veteran.

Although these are some very significant benefits, civil unions are in no way shape or form the mirror of a marriage license. Marriage laws are much more universal and more substantial. Here is a list of benefits NOT allowed to gay and lesbian couple under civil unions:

- *Other states will not automatically recognize the civil union as "official."

- *They cannot file taxes jointly under a civil union.

- *If a partner inherits property, the remaining partner must pay federal estate taxes.

- *FEDERAL benefits are NOT available to the partner of a military veteran.

- *Social Security benefits will NOT go to the surviving partner.

- *No immigration rights are given to a partner from a foreign country, even

- if their partner is a U.S. citizen.

As the state of Illinois joins only a hand full of select states that recognize civil unions between gay and lesbian couples, the gay and lesbian communities have overcome a hurdle in winning such a right. But true equality can only come with the right to marry. For equality equals ALL rights, not just a select few that are granted under civil unions.



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PNC's Lucrecia Guerrero Releases Her First Novel

By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

Lucrecia Guerrero has taught creative writing at PNC since spring of 2009 and I was fortunate enough to be in that class. When I signed up for the course I had no idea what to expect. Having never heard of her before, I figured she was just a "Part-Timer." However, it did not take me long to realize that I was under the tutelage of an amazing fiction writer. There was something about Ms. Guerrero that I find lacking in a lot of instructors. Her passion for writing was evident from

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Weight Loss Success Means Making Lifestyle Changes

By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

Every year millions of Americans resolve to lose weight. Weight loss has always been a hot commodity, but the options available to today's consumer are vast and endless enough to discourage the most enthusiastic. When you consider the costs of packaged food, gym memberships, dietary supplements, books, and doctor's consultations, some people can give up before they even start.

Weight loss does not have to mean emptying your wallet. The key to weight loss isn't dieting or packaged dinners. It does not have to consist of visiting a gym three times a week or hiring a private trainer. The only way to lose weight and keep it off is by making lifestyle changes.

Reducing your daily caloric count is great place to start. Start with small

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"The Drowsy Chaperone" Keeps Audiences Alert And Entertained

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

A few weeks ago, I sat down in a small, dimly lit theater with my girlfriend, Dana, and a glass of wine. We had just finished a delicious dinner and were about to see Craig Golbesky's production of "The Drowsy Chaperone." There was no curtain, and the set was in plain view upon entering the auditorium. The set featured a kitchen area, cabinets, comfortable furniture, and an old record player among some other collectibles and ornaments. The set combined with the quiet murmur of

the other cold-weather clad attendees to create the atmosphere of a holiday party in a friend's living room. The mood was right for a wonderful evening.

This was only my third theater experience of any kind. I am not usually one to attend plays or musicals. Dana and I went to see Golbesky's most previous production, "Nine," at the Fourth Street Theater in Chesterton and I was looking forward to a pleasant new experience. My expectations were far surpassed. "Nine's" impressive musical numbers and raunchy humor came together to form a seriously entertaining evening.

I laughed more than I have during any recent Hollywood comedy, and the talent of the singing and dancing cast was quite apparent.

So, I had high hopes for "The Drowsy Chaperone." The lights dimmed. Applause sounded. From the darkness of the stage, an unknown voice was heard. The invisible but pleasant narrator explained his love for musicals and their ability to guide him through occasions when he is "feeling blue." He asked if we would join him in listening to one of his favorites, "The Drowsy Chaperone."

The plot revolves around famous showgirl wishing to leave show

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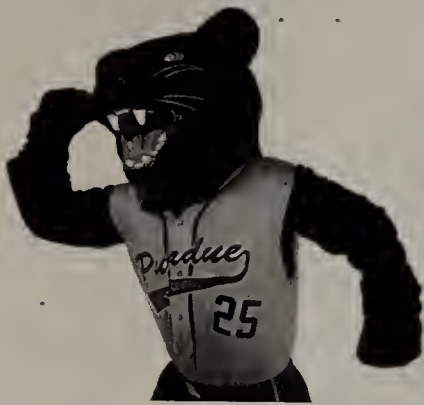
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Animals Often Forgotten During Season of Giving

By Dave Hunt Staff Writer

The Christmas season is a time for generosity. Families and friends exchange gifts, donations are made to charitable organizations, and even tips for waiters and waitresses tend to grow a bit. That generosity often stops short of our furry friends, however.

Animals are an integral part of people's lives. Nearly two thirds of American households contain a pet. Dogs and cats are the most popular companions; but fish, birds, rabbits, and horses are also high on the list. Pets have been proven to reduce stress in animal lovers. They can be playful, loyal companions, and walking a dog can also provide beneficial exercise and fresh air.

However, many families simply cannot afford the expenses that accompany pet ownership. Fortunately, there are animal shelters working to alleviate some of this financial stress. Local animal shelters provide a great service by caring for needy animals until they can be adopted. These shelters are not-for-profit organizations that give families the chance to have a loving pet when they otherwise may not be able to afford one.

We have two cats; Zues, from the Porter County Animal Shelter in Valparaiso, and Smaug, from the Independent Cat Society in Westville. Both organizations provide shelter,

health care, food, and love for animals that would otherwise be homeless. Sometimes abandoned animals require surgery to keep them alive.

Many families cannot afford these surgeries, so the shelters make sure the animals get the care they need.

Zues was found abandoned on the street at only a few weeks of age. Smaug was born in the Independent Cat Society shelter, and they cared for him until we could adopt him. They have

both become members of the family. Animals seem to be able to sense the emotions of their owners, and they can provide support during tough times.

I have heard it said that it is ridiculous to donate money to animal charities when there are charities for people that need support as well.

I do not think that is the right attitude. All charities need all the help they can get. Who gets to decide which ones are the most important or are in the most need? Animal shelters are put together and operated by dedicated, kind hearted people who want to do some sort of good for the world. We could all learn from this mentality.

Adopting an animal may be out of this year's budget, but even a small donation can help. Perhaps consider buying

some catnip for a friend's furry one; the Independent Cat Society grows their own!



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Going The First Day Of Classes: Is It Worth Your Time?

By Sarah Lasser Editor

I have recently begun to ask myself the question of why I should show up the first day of classes. Every semester I find myself intensely vexed that I do not have access to a class syllabus until either the day before or, in most cases, the day of my first class. Being unprepared, or in the very least feeling unprepared, is not something I relish in. However, I always seem to find that stepping into the classroom the first day with nothing more than a piece of paper and a pen honestly is being prepared. In the many years I have attended PNC, it has been few and far between that I have actually done anything productive on the first day. Going over a syllabus in class is beyond me considering I am literate and can read it all by myself, thank you very much. Not that having a short time open for questions regarding each specific syllabus is a bad thing, but reading through it together as a group is a bit redundant. I also have to admit that I do not

enjoy the "meet your peers" exercises my classmates and I are forced into each period. This uncomfortable experience in itself is reason enough not to attend. Though some instructors will attempt to shake things up a bit having students interview the person sitting next to them and report it to the entire class, this has become so over-used that it is no longer an interesting way to break the ice. The main reason that I perceive the inquiry into whether or not to show up the first day of classes as being significant is that I have heard numerous people state their belief that the first day is simply a blow off day. They never show up until at least the second day. If it truly is such an extraneous day, why should anyone waste his or her time? Thus, this one simple debate leads to a number of more

ponderous questions: Why isn't the first day more productive? After all, we are not high schoolers any more; we shouldn't be looking for a free day in which to do nothing. Why do instructors insist upon their students sharing personal knowledge with one another? If the class is discussion based, everyone will get a grasp on who a person is based on their opinions, not from a statement of what their major is and what city they come from. Should there be some sort of instruction from the coursework? Is it fair to expect students to show up on a day that is barely beneficial? I guess the most pertinent inquest I can send you on is whether it is the instructors or the students who need to change their attitudes about the first day of classes.

An Experience At The United Center: Bulls vs Lakers



By Katelain Leslie Sports Writer

On December 19th, I was fortunate enough to attend a game to see my favorite team play, the Lakers. The game was held at the United Center in Chicago, the home of the Bulls. The facility was outstanding and it had a fun atmosphere. The United Center has many restaurants and bars to go to before and after the game. It also has fun things to do like a way to compare your height to the team with life-size figures of each member in the hallway that tells you how tall they are. There is also another display of the Bulls' players handprints, shoes, and wingspans. It was incredible! We got there early enough to look

through the enormous Bulls store that had all types of Bulls attire and memorabilia. Although most of the items were pricey, it was a nice store. We quickly located our seats and were able to watch both teams warm up and interacted with the interns working for the Bulls. The interns were throwing T-shirts and miniature basketballs into the crowd. During time outs, the Bulls always have employees entertaining the crowd. There was a jump rope show where they were doing flips while jumping rope. There was also a skit where these teenagers jumped on a trampoline and dunked the basketball. It is always a show at the United Center. The food is pricey there, as it is at most professional events. The food was well worth the money though. There were all types of food from pizza and hotdogs to pulled pork sandwiches. The half time show was also very interesting. The half time show was an acrobatic show with two men and one woman. Overall, my boyfriend and I had a great time at the United Center. Although the Lakers lost, I still enjoyed the game itself and the wonderful facility Chicago had to offer.

Vikings Stadium Collapses

By Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

On December 12th, the Minnesota Vikings Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome collapsed from the severe snow storm. The Teflon and fiberglass roof was supporting a large amount of snow and the lining of the Metrodome began tearing and eventually collapsed. The snow storm dumped more than 17 inches on Minnesota in less than 24 hours. Luckily the disaster happened in the middle of the night and no one was injured. The Vikings workers are scrambled to remove snow from the field and stands as quickly as possible. The Vikings had to have their upcoming game postponed and moved to

the Detroit's Ford Field as a result of the accident. The Vikings are looking into who is to blame, and to see whether it was caused by a manufacturing defect or a design defect. This was the fourth time the roof ripped open and deflated since the stadium opened in 1982. The Vikings are looking for public funding to help build a new stadium in the future. The stadium collapse is just the most recent stumble in what the Minnesota Vikings had hoped would be a Super Bowl season. The Vikings are working hard to repair the roof and field to play next week. The team's players are not happy about this decision because they say that the frozen field is "going to be like playing on concrete."

Injuries for the Panthers Result in Loss of Players for the Season

By Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

Purdue North Central's men's basketball team has been struggling so far this year. Their current record is 2-12 and they are 0-2 in the CCAC. The losses may be a direct result from the loss of some players this season. The team has suffered a few injuries this season so the lineup had to change. Shane Heidt is one of the players who is injured. He is out for the season with a serious concussion. Heidt will now join the coaching staff for the remainder of the season. "We are currently recruiting in order to bring in a

player or two at the semester break to round out our roster. The team continues to work hard and they are putting in long hours to help improve our program." The team is working on rebuilding for next season and the injured players are working hard to rehabilitate for next season. The Panthers have sixteen games left to play this season and are working hard to improve every day. They put in long hours six days a week to prepare for their upcoming opponents. They practice hard and watch hours of film as well. There are seven home games left this season at the Civic Auditorium, so get out there and support our team!

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January 29@ 7:00PM vs. Purdue University Calumet
February 12 @ 7:00PM vs. Trinity Christian College

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Student Equestrian Team Available to PNC Students

By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

Purdue North Central students have the opportunity to join the Student Equestrian Team and Club at the Purdue Calumet campus. To be eligible, students must be in good academic standing and enrolled fulltime. You do not need to own a horse or have any riding experience. Unlike most equestrian teams, the PUC team operates on donations and sponsorships in order to keep the costs for students down.

Students pay an annual membership fee to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association of approximately 30 dollars. Students practice once a week for a fee of 20 dollars that can be reduced by cleaning stalls and tack. Practices are held in Lake Village, about 55 minutes south of the PUC campus. All entry fees for competitions are covered by the club. Participants compete in Western or Hunt Seat by region and the shows are held at universities throughout the area. For more information on the PUC Equestrian Team, contact club advisor Dr. Susan Connors at connors@purduecal.edu.



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Region 7 IHSA Event Schedule:

Feb 5 Taylor University – Hunt Seat
Feb 12 St. Mary's of the Woods – Hunt Seat
Feb 19 Purdue University & Purdue Calumet Western Show
Mar 5 Purdue University Hunt Seat Show

Upcoming Vision Board Workshop Is For Your Mental Resolutions This Year

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

The new year has begun once again and resolutions abound. Issues such as physical health, weight, and monetary goals are often focused upon. However, mental health should be another aspect that a person looks at improving upon this year. To aid in your quest, Jamie Betts, a partner in the Flowing With Abundance life coaching program, will be holding a Vision Board Workshop on January 23 at 2:30 p.m. and once again on February 8 at 6:30 p.m. Cost for attendance is \$22 per person, however a five dollar discount is awarded to those who bring a friend. Meetings are very informal with one-on-one interactions and snacks throughout the two-and-a-half hour creative workshop. This workshop is based on the Law of Attraction, as many may have seen described in the movie

"The Secret." One must first visualize what he or she wants. The next step would be to set your intentions. Whatever you plan to do and/or have this 2011 year, focus on that. Betts will then instruct those attending in how to achieve what it is you intend to do or become or obtain. She insists that "feeling is really the key. You don't want to limit how it's going to happen." Thus, Betts intends to show attendees how to create a vision board, which is basically a picture collage of what your intentions are. By focusing on the things put on the vision board, it will inspire you to action. Betts describes her own purposes as being a desire to help people prioritize their lives. She thrives on helping everyone find what it is that

they are passionate about in life and aiding them in achieving their goals. She claims that her Vision Board Workshop is there to give direction and aid in beginning the process. It will most definitely be creative an individualized for all those planning to attend. Betts describes the process. "It all starts with thoughts. Thoughts become actions, actions become habits, habits become your character, and that's your life." To attend one of Betts workshops, please contact her for locations at 847.987.8184 or by e-mail at jamie@ancientworldtrades.com. Additional information can also be obtained on her partner's Dream Interpretation classes which are set to begin on January 19, 2011.



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Sincerity, Truth, Design: Sigma Tau Delta and PNC Honor Students in Academic Excellence

By Nichole Murphy
Contributor

On Dec. 4, 2010 PNC held an induction ceremony for a select number of students into The Alpha Mu Pi Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta. The Fall 2010 inductees are Amanda Hale, David Hunt, Nichole Murphy and Danny Soria. To receive such an award, these students have shown excellence within their academic careers. The international English honor society was founded in 1924 and now has over 750 chapters active throughout the U.S., Europe and the Caribbean. The international motto of Sigma Tau Delta is "Sincerity, Truth, Design."

Dr. Jane E. Rose, Alpha Mu Pi sponsor, welcomed the inductees, friends and family. Many of the English faculty members were in attendance to honor these 4 students as well. Chancellor James Dworkin gave an inspiring opening remark, and

stated that being inducted into the English honors society was an accomplishment to be proud of and that it is an achievement that no one could take away from the inductees.

In a brief interview with inductee David Hunt, a junior at PNC, he states that it "feels good to get recognized for his accomplishments and hard work." Students are continually working at receiving their degrees, a diploma that recognizes their great accomplishment but receiving smaller honors along the way helps to motivate and push students to excel even further.



Induction ceremony of Sigma Tau Delta PHOTO PROVIDED BY NICHOLE MURPHY

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Spirit Week!

By Rachel Skenandore
Staff Writer

January 24th thru 28th is Spirit Week at PNC

On **Monday** the 24th start off Spirit Week with helping others by donating blood sponsored through S.T.A.N.D. in the Nursing Department from 9 am-3 pm in Tech 357. In LSF 144 from 11 am-1pm there will be snacks available.

Start your **Tuesday** the 25th for your own Dream Interpretation and enjoy some Quiznos and chips in LSF 144 from 11 am-1 pm.

Enjoy **Wednesday** the 26th from 11 am-1pm in LSF 144 by indulging yourself at the ice cream bar and taco bar and feel free to leave donations for Relay for Life (American Cancer Society). Also Student Appreciation Day in the bookstore as long as you wearing a PNC or Purdue (something from one of the other Purdue Campus) item or school colors.

Thursday the 27th in LSF 144 from 11 am -1 pm stop by for the chili bar with singing Karaoke.

Close your week on **Friday** the 28th in LSF 144 from 8:30 am-10:30 am with Panera Bagels.

Meet Your Peers: Sean Fitman is brightening his future with PNC internship



By Sarah Lasser and
Katelain Leslie

Name: Sean Fitman
Major: Communications

Sean Fitman, a communications major at PNC, finds his niche in life to be the personal interaction with others. The enjoyment he receives from this activity was the basis he used to decide upon his major. Fit-

man mixes his love of people with his love for basketball in a wonderful way at PNC, taking his first steps towards beginning his future career. After graduation, Fitman has big plans for his life, albeit flexible plans. The student hopes to stay in the area after earning his degree by working for one of the many sports franchises in the city of Chicago. He is looking at not only public relations positions, but also at broadcasting and journalism jobs that will keep him in the sports arena.

To prepare for this dream, Fitman is working hard as one of the newly formed internships PNC has begun offering. Tom Albano, Athletics and Activities Coordinator at PNC, has put together an internship for students desiring experience in broadcasting. Fitman, is one of the students who is featured on the athletic department's website calling plays at the Panther's Men's Basketball games. Fitman speaks of his po-

sition by saying, "The internship right now is a big learning experience. I'm getting to play with new things, try new stuff. I got to do something I've always wanted to do already, do play-by-play on a basketball game."

Working on the production side of things, calling plays that are shared live over the internet, is quite satisfying for the young man. So much so, in fact, that Fitman places his hopes in being kept on for the baseball season, which Albano plans to have live on the website this coming 2011 season. Fitman states, "It has been a great experience so far, and I'm really just looking forward to the things I am going to get to learn in the next couple months."

To hear Fitman, or his fellow interns, calling the next game you can not physically attend, tune into the athletics departments live webcast featured on their website pnc.edu/athletics.

Get Fit PNC! Fitness Center Now Welcome To All Free Of Charge

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

So, the new year has begun and many have made the resolution to get fit. Now, it can be easier than ever with a workout center at your disposal. PNC has decided to drop its fee for entrance into the Fitness Center for all students, faculty, and staff. Though only open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m., students can still squeeze in a quick workout between classes as long as they have their PNC ID handy.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, "Adults should do a minimum of two hours and thirty minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity a week." Bear in mind that this is the absolute minimum, meaning a person should be maintaining his or her health by working out this often each given week. For those looking to shed the pounds in order to get fit this year, the minimum should be at least doubled equaling to five hours of moderate activities each week.

The cold weather may be a hindrance to many, yet fulfilling your daily aerobic goal can be done through a variety of means. The Fitness Center is home to numerous

machines such as the treadmill, elliptical, or the bicycle. A plethora of workout videos can be found in stores, libraries, streaming on Netflix, or even on youtube (which can be vexing to users when required to stop to load the next installment).

Although aerobic activity is often looked at as being the most important aspect of becoming more fit, there are other options as well. Anaerobic activities, such as weightlifting, are very advantageous in that they not only burn fat, but also serve to vamp up the metabolism. Toning exercises and those building muscle mass can be done in the Fitness Center, which has available dumbbells and exercise balls in the aerobics room.

Working out to a weightlifting routine is not as difficult as one would think, yet it does require planning. Knowing which muscles to exercise in which order to obtain the most beneficial workout is best left to the devising of the professionals. However, professionally planned routines are as close as ever with avenues such as videos, magazines, and computers. All can be used in the PNC Fitness Center, which even sports a DVD player in the adjoining aerobics room.

A great place to start researching the routine that fits for you is online. Try uploaded DVD's on youtube to find the one you really want to invest your money in. "Men's Health" and "Women's Health" are two magazines that have workouts online not just for the average user, but also those geared specifically towards the beginner to the advanced with everything in between. One last great site one should scour is LiveStrong.com, which has an extremely organized way of bringing both informative articles and workouts, in print and video, to everyone of all shapes, sizes, and ages.

One of the biggest problems with achieving a fitness goal is finding the time. The Fitness Center may not be the perfect place for a full workout, but keep it in mind when you have some spare time between your classes. Even a little bit of exercise is better than none at all.

**The Fitness
Center is located
in the basement
of LSF in room 77**

In Case You Weren't There: The World History of December

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

Welcome back, everyone! How was your break? Mine was nice, thanks for asking. What's that? Oh, a fruitcake...why thanks. Well, anyway, how about some news from a January or two long ago?

The year 404 started off on a bitersweet note, as the final gladiator competition in Rome was held on January 1st. The tournaments supposedly came to an end after a long and vicious strike by the Lions Club.

A few years later on the same date, a slightly less violent celebration was held to bring in the New Year. In 1908, the first ball was dropped in Times Square.

On January 1st, 1971, New Years Resolutions got some help from the old boob tube in carrying out their goals: cigarette ads were banned from television.

Also on January 1st of the year 1990, David Dinkins was sworn in as the mayor of New York City and ef-



With index fingers and a banner held aloft in the night sky, members of Princeton University's class of 1998 frolic through a campus courtyard on November 30, 1995 to celebrate the season's first snowfall. (Photo by Charles Pines)

fectively became the city's first black mayor. According to season five, episode seven of television's sitcom Seinfeld, Dinkins' chances of staying in office were greatly hindered by trying to pass a bill that everyone in the city wear name tags.

Ancient prophecies have foretold that on January 5th of the year 1988, a boy would be born. His name

would be Dave Hunt. He would come to grow up in the quiet, nondescript town of Chesterton, Indiana. He would attend PNC and write for the newspaper there. It is prophesized that he will accomplish great things. The prophecies also tell that people should offer him gifts as they pass by him in exchange for good luck.

Also on January 5th, 1940, Finnish forces were well underway successfully defending against the

numerically superior Soviet forces. The snowy, wooded area made it difficult for the heavily mechanized Soviets to travel off the main roads. Key to the Finnish victory was the highly mobile, highly trained ski troops.

On January 17th, 1861, Thomas Crapper patented the flush toilet. I believe this news requires no additional humor.

On January 21, 1994, it was the best and worst of times. The Dow Jones Industrial Average reached 3,900, just below its record of 3,914. On the same day, Lorena Bobbitt was found temporarily insane after chopping off her spouse's penis.

A few years earlier in 1986, 100 people were declared slightly less insane when they competed in the Nude Olympics in Indiana...in January. The temperature that day was 38 degrees Fahrenheit.

Good luck to everyone this semester! Try to stay warm, stay strong with your resolutions, and brush up on your skiing skills to ward off any potential tank attacks.

Turmoil: North Korea, South Korea and what it means to the U.S.

By Nichole Murphy
Contributor

Due to recent aggressive action taken by North Korea towards South Korea, tensions on both sides are running high. However, this tension can be felt around the globe, as it is felt in our own back yard. The United States is a faithful ally to South Korea, therefore what poses a threat to them, also poses a threat to the U.S. Secretary of State, Hillary Rodham Clinton, states that she wants the people of South Korea to know that the U.S. is "standing shoulder-to-shoulder" with them and that the U.S. is "deeply committed to your (South Korea's) defense."

The hostile and perhaps the most destructive measures taken by North Korea is a newly disclosed uranium program that blatantly violates UN Council Resolutions 1718 and 1874. Uranium is a key component in making weapons of mass destruction. The uranium-based Little Boy bomb became the first nuclear weapon used in war when it was detonated over Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 by the U.S. The bomb killed over 75,000 people and caused impairments among those that survived for years to come. It is no wonder that the US is concerned about this substance getting into the wrong hands. If North Korea is in possession of uranium, the results can be fatal and pose a very real global threat to all.

South Korea is seeking to destabilize North Korea by eliminating trade

with them in efforts to crumble their economy. The main products that South Korea buys from North Korea are seafood products, zinc and coal; but imports have been seized and North Korean ships will no longer have access/permission to pass through South Korean waters. According to Lim Eul-chul, a North Korean expert at South Korea's Kyungnam University, the lack of income from South Korea will cost North Korea an astounding \$200 million a year in revenue.

Having ended trade with North Korea, South Korea and the U.S. have ventured into the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement together, thus, strengthening and tying the two countries together even more so. What now affects South Korea will have a direct impact on how it affects the U.S. This will put the U.S. directly within the conflict between North and South Korea. But one could easily say that the U.S. is already deeply entrenched, with over 28,000 U.S. soldiers on foot in South Korea and 47,000 soldiers in Japan.

Whether Americans agree or disagree with the U.S. playing "big brother" to South Korea, the Obama administration "fully backs" measures to subdue North Korea. Peaceful measures are preferred but with the U.S. possessing weapons of mass destruction and with the possibility of North Korea possessing them as well, peace seems improbable, for now anyways.

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The World as We Know It: Weird News from around the World

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

A group of eight-ten year olds from an English elementary school recently published an article in a peer reviewed and prestigious scientific journal, Biology Letters. The students researched the way bumblebees recognize colors and patterns.

The students carefully and correctly documented their findings in colored

pencil. Their findings were dubbed a "genuine advance" in the area of study by Biology Letters. The students found that bumblebees use color and patterns to visually determine which flowers to harvest from. According to the article's principle findings report, they also found that science is "cool and fun."

The Christmas spirit is noticeable in some strange places, indeed. When a Sacramento taxi driver and passenger

began arguing about the cab's destination, the passenger pulled a knife on the driver. The driver promptly fled the scene. The passenger also fled, but left his cab fair and tip on the seat before running away.

A bartender for the East Providence Yacht Club in Rhode Island was alone on a slow, Sunday night. He was surprised to see a large man dressed as Santa come into the bar carrying a sack,

equipped with hat and beard. He was even more surprised to find that the man was brandishing a gun. The bartender ran and dialed 911 from a neighboring business. When police arrived, Santa had stuffed the cash from the register into his gift sack. Whether or not the bandit changed into his Robin Hood costume and delivered the cash to a nearby homeless shelter is yet to be determined.

A convicted California drug dealer successfully received kosher meals for two months while serving time in Orange County Jail, citing his celebration of Festivus. Festivus was made famous in season ten, episode nine of television's Seinfeld. Apparently, the inmate disliked the meals ordinarily served to him. Unfortunately, kosher eating is not a practice of Festivus devotees, and the county eventually overruled the inmate's request in court.

Newest Narnia Movie An Extreme Let Down

☆☆ 2 out of 5 stars

By Nichole Murphy
Contributor

On Sunday Dec. 12th, I decided to drive in a blizzard to see my first Narnia flick, the "Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader," to be exact. To say the least I was expecting a lot from this movie, but I am disappointed to report that it did not deliver.

The movie is based on Lucy and Edmund traveling back to Narnia with their irksome cousin Eustace because of a mysterious mist sweeping the land. All three join King Caspian on a sea adventure to stop a mist that is making Caspian's people disappear. They battle against some monstrous beasts, collect six swords, and I am sure that you can guess how the end plays

out.

The film is extremely foreseeable and the story line is weak. The major characters are also predictable but cousin Eustace is quite entertaining with his corky and somewhat annoying personality. I have to say, at times I found myself laughing at his mishaps and sarcasm. The film is beautifully shot, so if you are only looking for pretty scenes then maybe you'll enjoy it. Yet, if you are looking for a movie with depth and substance, then I'd skip this one and just watch the movie trailers.

As I have stated I am a "newbie to Narnia," so it is possible that those of you who already have an emotional attachment with the prior Chronicles of Narnia films may get more out of the film than I did.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra's "Night Castle" An Unfortunate Choice

☆☆☆ 3 out of 5 stars

By Aram Arden
Staff Writer

Many music fans are probably familiar with the trilogy of Christmas-themed of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra (TSO). Now that the holiday season has passed many have filed their TSO CDs away until next December. Therefore, I thought this was a fitting time to review the latest non-holiday TSO album, 2009's Night Castle. Fans of the Christmas trilogy are likely to be pleased by this album, although there is one major difference: this album is decidedly more rock-oriented throughout its double-disc entirety.

Although TSO is not exactly known for subtlety, fans of the more subdued side of the Christmas albums will not find as much to latch onto here. That being said, there is still much that is familiar; Night Castle is rife with the over-the-top bombast,

overwhelming arrangements, and the stylistic fusions seen in the bands previous work.

The storyline behind the album, while not dealing with Christmas, is still awash in sentimentality with the strange mix of realism/worldly tragedy and fanciful miracle-magic fans have come to know so well. While there are some brilliant moments scattered on both discs of the album, it would have been far wiser to pare this down to a solid 45-55 minutes worth of music on a single disc (although hardcore TSO fans are likely to vehemently disagree).

This album is not likely to win over many fans who have never been fond of the band (although the departure from the Christmas theme makes the album much less of a novelty), but longtime fans will certainly be pleased. Try pairing this album with Beethoven's Last Night (2000), TSO's only other non-holiday studio album.

WATCH THESE

YOUTUBE

The History of Valentine's Day

Want to know why millions of Americans unload their wallets for that special someone each year on Feb 14? Watch the History of Valentine's Day on The History Channel's YouTube channel.

TV

THE WALKING DEAD SEARIES ON AMC

New York, NY – December 6, 2010 – Sunday night's finale of AMC's "The Walking Dead" attracted four million viewers in the Adult 18-49 demo. With a series average of 3.5 million Adults 18-49. "The Walking Dead" is the most watched drama series in basic cable history. The series tells the story of the months and years that follow after a zombie apocalypse. The DVD is set to be released in March.

DVD

SECRETARIAT

Walt Disney's 2010 film starring John Malkovich chronicling the life of the infamous race horse winner of the 1973 Triple Crown comes to DVD Jan 25. Film Critic Robert Ebert gave this film a four out of four stars.



PLAY THESE

NBA 2K11

2K Sports, Xbox 360, Wii PS3, PSP

Game review websites have praised NBA 2K11 for its developed controls, online multiplayer, and Michael Jordan features. IGN Editor-In-Chief Hilary Goldstein proclaimed, "This isn't just the best basketball game ever; it's the best sports game of this generation."

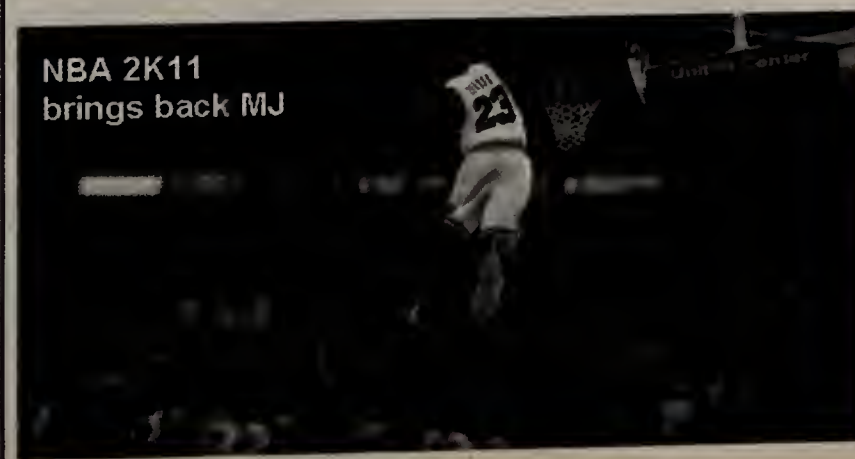
IGN ranked it 9.5/10

DONKEY KONG

COUNTRY RETURNS

Nintendo, Wii

DKCR is a 2D, side-scrolling platform game similar to titles of yore. It brings back classic game-play elements from the previous DK platforms along with a lot of new mechanics. Just like the other DK games, DKCR offers co-operative game play and the aid of animal buddies Rambi and Squawks. IGN ranked it 9/10.



Portis' "True Grit" Is A Memorable Experience

☆☆☆☆☆ 5 out of 5 stars

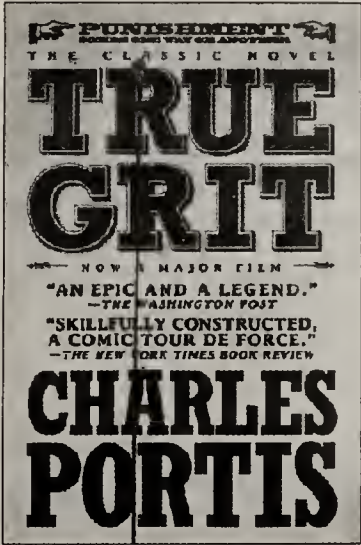
By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

True Grit is the 1968 novel by Charles Portis that inspired two major motion pictures. In 1969, it was adapted to the big screen, starring John Wayne, who won his one and only Oscar for the role of one-eyed Rooster Cogburn. In 2010, the Cohen brothers released another adaptation starring Jeff Bridges. The novel is narrated by Matte Ross, a stubborn 14 year old girl from central Arkansas who sets out to avenge her father's murder.

Portis is considered one of the most overlooked American writers of our time. Literary critic Ron Rosenbaum calls him "Our Least-Known Great Novelist" and compares him to Mark Twain in his 1998 essay for Esquire. Like Huck and Jim, the novel gets its comedic relief from the odd-coupling of the stubborn yet proper Mattie and the even more so stubborn and slovenly Rooster Cogburn. As many westerns tend to go, the pursuit of justice by law abiding citizens in a time when the justice system was still in its infancy leads to the dependence of characters that walk a fine line between right and wrong.

Mattie's no nonsense commitment to track down the man her murdered her father, her loyalty to the populism of the Democratic Party, and grace of the Presbyterian Church give this novel its unique and

amusing tone. Whether you pick up the book or watch either of two film adaptations, you will not soon forget Mattie Ross or Rooster Cogburn.



True Grit by Charles Portis
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GUERRERO

the very first class period and her straightforward approach encouraged her pupils to strive to be the best they could be. One of her pupils has said, "I learned more about writing in this class than I did reading dozens of books on the subject. Professor Guerrero is an amazing teacher and an asset to Purdue's writing program." As an aspiring novelist, I walked away from her class with more than I have ever had from my five years and counting as an English major.

It comes as no surprise that Ms. Guerrero is an award winning novelist. "Chasing Shadows," a collection of linked short stories, was published by Chronicle Books in 2000. Her recently released novel, "Tree of Sighs," follows the life of one woman's journey to uncover the past as she confronts two different cultures in the search for her own identity. As for recognition, Guerrero received a Christopher Isherwood Foundation Award based on portions of the novel along with a Montgomery County Cultural District Arts Fellowship Award. Her short sto-

ries have also been anthologized and published in numerous literary journals.

Her books have received exceptional customer reviews on Amazon.com. Luis A. Urrea wrote: "I have been following Lucrecia Guerrero's writing for several years with great pleasure and fascination. "Tree of Sighs" takes her art to a whole new level. Full, alive, and stately. This novel really delivers."

"Chasing Shadows" holds a very respectable 4.8 out of 5 stars. Kerry Reid says "the overwhelming compassion that Guerrero has for [her characters] shines through. She knows them -- their voices, their houses, their clothes, their motives. And by the time I finished reading this book, I felt like I knew them, too -- and was the better for it."

Guerrero grew up in the border town of Nogales Arizona, the daughter of an Anglo American mother and Mexican father. Her bicultural upbringing is reflected in her writing and

often her characters are caught between two cultural worlds. As a child, she enjoyed poetry and was inspired by a professor as an

undergraduate that lead her to the Antioch Writers' Workshop at Antioch University in Ohio.

She holds a MFA in creative writing from Spaulding University and is currently teaching a creative writing course this spring at PNC. In May 2011, Guerrero's first play, "Look on the Bright Side," will be produced through the Lubeznick Center for the Arts. Lucrecia Guerrero is more than an asset to PNC, she is an asset to the entire world of literature.

You can purchase "Tree of Sighs" through the Bilingual Review website, www.asu.edu/brp, in either hardback or paperback. "Chasing Shadows" is available on Amazon.com.



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DR. JERRY HOLT

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DROWSY

business in order to get married and settle down. Her manager seeks to sabotage the wedding by hiring a man to seduce the bride, who happens to make him quite a lot of money. He is threatened by two gangsters, disguised as pastry chefs, hired by his leading investor. All sorts of ridiculous and funny twists and turns occur. Every now and again, our loveable narrator stops the record, effectively freezing the actors on stage, and voices his likes and dislikes about the production. By

the end, he gets more than a little drunk and becomes a singing and dancing participant of the show with hilarious results. My favorite part of the whole show was most likely the lengthy but truly impressive tap dance number, which culminated in a great number of the cast tapping away in unison, including Golbesky himself.

Craig Golbesky's next project is "The Great American Trailer Park Musical," which Golbesky has informed me will be the raunchiest yet. The musical is set to open on February 25 at the Portage Yacht Club. Student tickets go for the low price of \$12 a person.

Northside Diner Providing Home-style Food and Unbeatable Service

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

Northside Diner, located just north of the intersection at Broadway and Calumet Avenue in Chesterton, is among my favorite places to be. The 1950's style diner has been garnering a following of dedicated regulars for decades. My sister began taking me there when I was a wee lad, and I have been a regular for nearly eight years now. It is the go-to place for me and my friends (and many of the other regulars) when we want to meet before any event or simply sit and have some coffee.

Northside has an atmosphere like few other dining establishments. The service is always warm and welcoming. Patrons can feel like friends of the family on their first visit. I've had most everything on the menu, but the best way to start a visit to Northside Diner is with a cup of their deliciously mild coffee for just a buck; free refills, of course.

From there, the options are endless. The breakfast fare is tasty, filling, and modestly priced; all requirements for any diner. The

biscuits and gravy are labeled "the best in town" and they certainly live up to the reputation. Another favorite is the nest, an omelet in a bowl topped with hashed browns and gravy. The lunch menu consists mainly of sandwiches, traditional or open faced. The hot pork tenderloin, served open faced with mashed potatoes, gravy and toast is a heavy hitter. Reubens, patty melts, burgers, and club sandwiches are all available and scrumptious.

I regularly sit down by myself to work on homework, write for the paper, or just read and relax. I get the same attentive, pleasant service whether I order a full meal or just sip on some coffee. Whether I'm alone or with friends, the experience often includes a friendly conversation with the wonderful waitresses or the many regulars that have become friends over the years.

The prices are more than reasonable. Two people can eat breakfast or lunch for well under twenty dollars, including drinks and tip. Having the option of a cheap and satisfying meal is certainly a blessing for anyone affected by the economic slowdown.

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WEIGHT LOSS

fatty foods. Things fried, covered in cheese, or full of sodium should be avoided. Introduce new foods, fresh vegetables, lean proteins, and plenty of fiber. Drink a large glass of water before meals to help you eat smaller portions while still feeling satisfied. Cut out all snacks except fresh raw veggies and whole grains, and only allow one or two snacks a day. A reward system works well. If you've eaten good for a whole week, reward yourself with whatever indulgence you choose whether it's a bag of Doritos or a Quarter Pounder with Cheese.

Increasing your activity is also very important. According to the CDC, living an active lifestyle controls weight, reduces the risk of Type 2 Diabetes, cancer, and cardiovascular disease, while strengthening your muscles, improving your mental health and mood, and increasing your chances of living longer.

Consider your interests and hobbies and use them to motivate yourself towards a more active lifestyle. Do you like photography? Perhaps you might enjoy walking or hiking

increments.
Eliminate

in order capture the perfect shot. Do you like music? Maybe you should consider dancing. Are you addicted to your television? You can always buy a cheap treadmill and walk while you watch those reruns of CSI. Are you a nature lover? There's an endless list of activities for the outdoor enthusiast like mountain biking, camping, and canoeing. Are you a compulsive shopper? Set a goal to walk a mile in every indoor mall within a hundred mile radius. Whatever you like to do, there's a way to get up off the couch and incorporate it into the new active you.

There are a few little changes you can make to your daily routine to help increase your activity level. Park further away from your destination and force yourself to walk a few extra hundred yards everyday. Over a month's time, this really adds up. Instead of taking the elevator, opt for the stairs. Avoid labor saving devices by turning of the self-propel option on your vacuum or lawn mower and try walking to work/school if possible.



Dear Sam,

My boyfriend had a New Year's party and I decided to invite some of my friends from college. This was the first time my boyfriend has ever met any of my friends from school and I was really hoping everyone would hit it off. Unfortunately one of my friends got really trashed early in the night. While everyone else was out in the garage playing beer pong, this friend of mine and his girl start bumpin' nasty right on my boyfriend's couch! They didn't even have the common courtesy to stop when someone walked in the room. Now the couch has to have a cover on it before anyone will even walk in the room and my boyfriend doesn't want to ever meet any of my friends again.

Is there anything I can do to convince my boyfriend that all of my friends aren't lustful losers who fornicate on other people's furniture?

Violated in Valparaiso

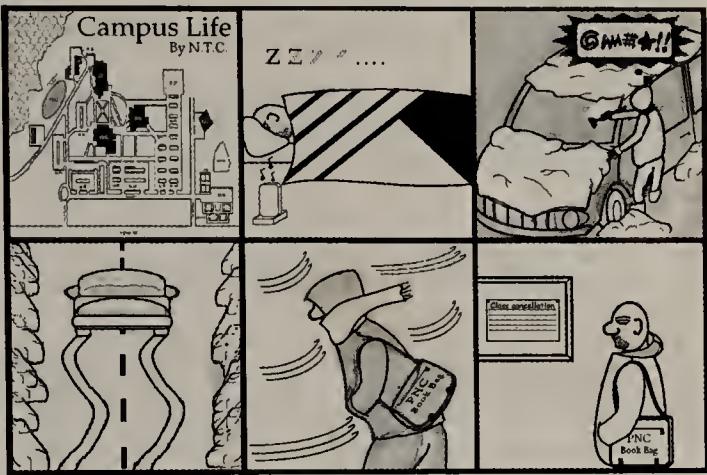
Dear Violated,

Sometimes it can be hard to the repair the damages of first impressions. Perhaps you should have considered this before inviting these individuals to your boyfriend's party. As far as the fomicators go, it's probably too late. Defying someone's personal space by engaging in sexual acts without their consent can be pretty traumatizing. And your boyfriend may never be able to move past this, which is understandable. But for your other friends, assuming

they have more regard for other's people property and a little self control, there's still hope. First you should try everything you can to convince your boyfriend not to judge all of your friends by this one mistake that was completely out of your control. Let him know that you are as shocked and outraged by this incident just as much as he, that you do not condone their behavior and that you didn't really think your friends were "like that." Once he believes you, consider staging a situation where you're out for dinner and you just happen to run into a group of friends from school who ask to join your table. Make sure your friends are on their best behavior and maybe leave the alcohol out of the equation this time. As long as your friends are worth it, he'll see that they're not all like the jerk who decided to publicly display his stark naked bottom for all to see. If things go well, maybe plan on another evening out at a restaurant or go see a movie. I'd wait until everyone has established a little repertoire before inviting people into your boyfriend's home next time. Good luck!

Sam the Siamese

Sam is waiting to hear from you!



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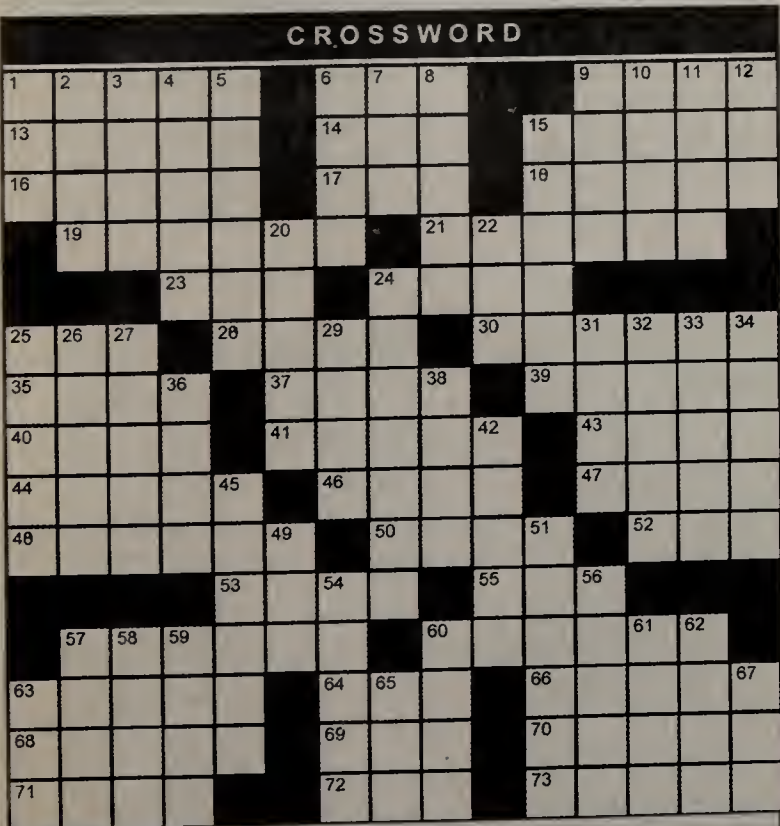
Joke of the Month

Submitted by Aram Arden

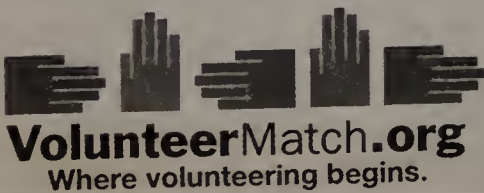
A man goes into town to buy a horse. After making some inquiries, he finds himself at the local preacher's residence. The preacher has a fine steed for sale, "but, sir," he says, "you must understand that this horse is very religious. In order to get it to go, instead of saying Giddy-up you must shout Praise the Lord! and to cause it to stop the command is Amen rather than Whoa."

Seeing what an excellent horse it was, in spite of this peculiarity, the man buys the animal and begins to ride it through the countryside. After some time, the man notices a terrifying ledge in the ground ahead of him. In a panicked state, he forgets the command to make his horse stop.

After shouting Whoa, Halt, Stop and every other command imaginable, he finally remembers and shouts Amen! the moment before beast and rider would have plunged to their deaths. Looking at the fall before him, the man shudders and exclaims Praise the Lord!



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Answers to January's Crossword Puzzle can be found on The Voice website under the Entertainment Section. Good Luck! Puzzle difficulty too hard? Please let us know at thevoice@pnc.edu

THEME: BACK TO SCHOOL

ACROSS

- 1. India's sacred flower
- 6. *Parent-involvement organization
- 9. Marching insects?
- 13. Novelist _____ Wharton
- 14. Jet _____
- 15. Astonish
- 16. Gateway to Japanese temple
- 17. Uniform Resource Identifier
- 18. Times New _____
- 19. *A welcome break
- 21. *Personal storage
- 23. "_____ the President's Men"
- 24. *Arts & crafts material
- 25. Benatar or Boone, e.g.
- 28. Cold cuts store
- 30. Elizabeth Short, a.k.a. The Black _____

- 35. EU money
- 37. Unagi, pl.
- 39. African American civil rights organization
- 40. *Non-written exam
- 41. Shish _____
- 43. "_____ to My Lou"
- 44. One born to Japanese immigrants
- 46. "Will be," as sung by Doris Day
- 47. A devilish place
- 48. *"Be True to Your _____" by The

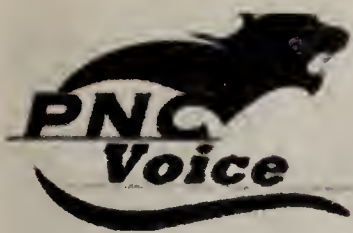
Beach Boys

- 50. Strategic board game
- 52. "The Catcher in the _____"
- 53. *Student loan, e.g.
- 55. Distress call
- 57. A small part
- 60. *E.B. White's Stuart
- 63. Brimless cap
- 64. Gorilla or orangutan
- 66. Type of fairy
- 68. Pay hike
- 69. Moming condensation
- 70. Boredom
- 71. Dollar bills
- 72. *June marks the school year's _____
- 73. Kelly Ripa's TV partner

DOWN

- 1. "_____ It Be"
- 2. *First thing to hit you when entering a locker room
- 3. It can make a great swing
- 4. Neighbor of Carthage, Tunisia
- 5. Protection from a sword?
- 6. *Arithmetic operation
- 7. It is applied before feathers
- 8. Like a good athlete?
- 9. Wildly
- 10. *Given in roll call
- 11. Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
- 12. Senator's abbreviation

- 15. *Inverse function of tan
- 20. Like gelled hair
- 22. Not new or borrowed or blue
- 24. Small nut-bearing tree common in Europe
- 25. Galley slaves
- 26. Derived from gold
- 27. Spam destination
- 29. Bruce and Spike, e.g.
- 31. *Function to convert large number to a small integer
- 32. Kobe Bryant, e.g.
- 33. In a cold manner
- 34. *Gift for teacher
- 36. Butter substitute
- 38. Hindu woman's dress
- 42. Plural of basso
- 45. Salt of iodic acid
- 49. Island flower necklace
- 51. *Famous 1970s TV teacher
- 54. Wesley Snipes' 1998 movie
- 56. *Can break your bones, singular
- 57. *Head of a college
- 58. Fourth largest Great Lake
- 59. She was a d'Urberville
- 60. Raunchy
- 61. Like a maxi skirt
- 62. Small ladies' handbag
- 63. *Boys' nickname for each other
- 65. *Not allowed when taking SAT
- 67. Her counterpart



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Tabor Hill Restaurant and Winery

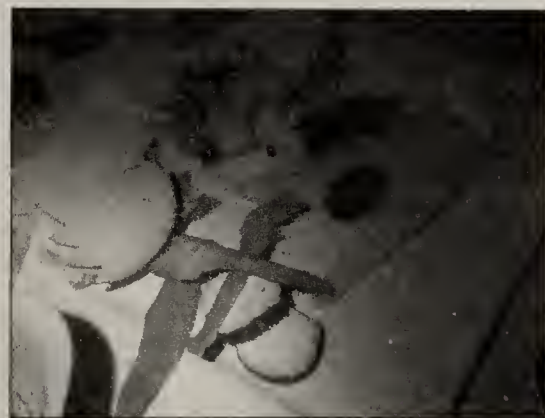
A Fine Dining Experience Close to Home

By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

Set in Michigan Wine Country, Tabor Hill Winery and Restaurant is a unique and upscale dining experience. Located at 185 Mount Tabor Road in Buchanan, Michigan, it's only a thirty minute drive from campus. The beautiful facility is nestled among the rolling vineyards and consists of a tasting room, gift shop, and restaurant. Tabor Hill opened its doors in 1971, and has been crafting delicious wines with handpicked grapes ever since. They were the first Michigan winery to specialize in "vinifera" wines, and the first winery to offer a fine dining experience. The tasting room allows guests to find their favorite wine. Walking tours are free, and there's even a small theatre in the cellar that runs videos on wine making. There are plenty bottles of wine and wine making supplies available in the gift shop as well as Tabor Hill collectables and specialty

foods. They also offer three flavors of non-alcoholic sparkling juices: grape, raspberry, and peach. The restaurant is an experience all its own. Two high-ceilinged dining rooms that look out over the vineyards, and a rustic, yet elegant atmosphere sets the distinctively intimate mood. According to the Tabor Hill website, guests can see "exquisite views of the vineyard, and radiant sunsets evoke wine country dreams even in the chill of a Michigan winter." In the summer, dinning is available outside on the back veranda. Chef John Paul presents a menu that changes daily and features the

fresh seasonal ingredients using meat and produce from area farms. During our visit to Tabor Hill in January, some of the items on the



Combination cheese plate includes everything from Bleu cheese to goat cheese.

PHOTO BY LISA ROSENKRANZ.

menu included Cracker Breaded Bleu Gill with Blue Cheese Potato Slaw (\$18), Wood Grilled Ruby Red Trout

with Smoked Sweet Potato Au Gratin (\$29), and an 8 oz. Filet Mignon with Onion Ring Bell (\$35). Appetizers ranged from \$8 to \$18 dollars and included items like the Composed Cheese Plate, Grilled Halloumi Cheese Bruschett, and Calamari Two Ways.

The service was exceptional and each server is knowledgeable about the variety of wine and what foods to pair them with. Cocktails, imported and domestic beers, and soft drinks are also available.

You can expect to pay around \$40 to \$50 a person or more. During my visit, I ordered the Composed Cheese Plate, The Cracker Breaded Blue Gill, and two glasses of wine. My bill came to just under 50 dollars. Yet, the food was absolutely amazing, the service impeccable, and the atmosphere intoxicating. It was truly a great experience and I plan to return in the spring.

For more information, visit website: www.taborhill.com.

Castle Crashers: Old school brawler style with a fresh shine

By Michelle Schrader
Contributor

You have mastered headshots and sniping. You have defeated aliens, zombies, and everything in between. You have slaughtered the opposing teams time and time again. It has become nothing more than a redundant routine. Thus, it is time to put your shooters and role-playing games back in their plastic cases and give another genre a try.

Imagine: you are a knight in a crowd dancing to the beat of upbeat music in the king's castle. However, chaos ensues as a dark wizard disrupts the celebration, steals a powerful gem, and kidnaps the four princesses. Naturally, it is up to you to fight against a

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Purdue's Research Team Offers Hope to MS Patients

By Rachel Skenandore
Staff Writer

Purdue West LaFayette researcher Riya Shi, a medical doctor and a professor of neuroscience and biomedical engineering in Purdue University's Department of Basic Medical Sciences, School of Veterinary Medicine, Center for Paralysis Research and Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering felt that environmental pollutant acrolein could be damaging myelin; which is a leading cause of Multiple Sclerosis. Previously there has been no research information creating a direct link to the cause of MS until now. What scientists do know about MS is that when the myelin is damaged on the nerve cell, the nerves have or unable to send signals from the spinal cord, brain and optic nerves.

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Meet PNC Athlete: Lindsay Gernenz, Softball

By Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

Name: Lindsay Gernenz
Major: Communications
Life Motto: "You can't steal second base with your foot on first."

Lindsay Gernenz is a twenty-year old junior here at PNC. She loves attending PNC mainly because it is affordable, close to home, and has small class sizes where the teachers really get to know students personally. Gernenz plays first base on the Panther softball team. Previously, she played softball at Crown Point High School and on the Raiders traveling team. Gernenz is a leader on the PNC team, and has been a captain for the past two years. She claims that her favorite

thing about team is the interaction with her teammates. Gernenz said, "I love all the girls and we have so much fun together. We are a good team and we come together well on the field." Gernenz and her teammates will be traveling to Kentucky in February and to Arizona in March for the Panther softball's annual spring trip. The team's first game is set for March 15 at 3 p.m. where they will be playing in an away game against Grace College in Winona Lake, Ind. The oldest of six children, Gernenz spends her free time working at Buffalo Wild Wings and hanging out with her friends. Her hobbies off the field include riding horses and going to the beach. Gernenz is also currently involved in the communications broadcasting internship where she helps in broadcasting all the PNC games on



Lindsay Gernenz at bat.

the school's athletic website. She claims that her internship is a great opportunity considering she intends

on beginning a career in sports broadcasting after graduation.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In the December "voice" you listed a recipe of the month as a "healthy holiday treat". I urge you to place a correction in the next Voice.

The recipe you gave was for a "9x13" size cake pizza. If you cut that into 12 3 inch square servings EACH piece would have [and most college students would not stop at one piece]:

1,672 calories [more than the total calories for a day for the average female college student]

21 grams of saturate fat

900 milligrams of salt

Yes, the veggies would be good, but the combination of crescent rolls [high fat]; cream cheese [93% fat], sour cream and cheddar cheese [high fat and sodium]

puts this type of pizza into the "heart stopper" category. The few veggies on top would be healthy, but not the whole pizza.

Substituting canned pizza sauce for the cream cheese/sour cream combination would reduce the calories by almost 1000 calories per piece. Using mozzarella cheese would reduce the cholesterol/fat count even more.

PLEASE make a correction to this false information for the health of the PNC students. I taught nutrition classes for Heart Health before moving to PNC and it really disturbed me to see this blatantly false information. Eating 5 chocolate chip cookies would be healthier!

Sincerely,

Lucia Schroeder, Ph.D.

Education Professor

To the staff of The Voice,

I want to take this opportunity to tell you that you have done a great job of revamping the paper. It looks and reads much better!

Good job!

Rose Pomeroy

Campus Relations

An Apocalyptic End Of The World: Is it Zombies or Aliens?

By Michelle Schrader
Contributor

Our fascination started on this past New Year's Eve when reports that thousands of blackbirds fell from the sky in Arkansas. Birds mysteriously dying on a day that we celebrate new beginnings—sounds ominous.

Since then, reports have poured in of other mass animal deaths including birds, fish, crabs, and cows from across the globe.

In some cases, the cause appears to be unknown. Other instances are said to be the result of exploding fireworks, indigestion, and possible disease. Obviously, not everybody is fooled by these blatant cover-ups and excuses. They want the truth.

Fellow PNC students, don't be fooled! Here is a discussion of the two obviously possible reasons behind this phenomenon of mass

animal deaths:

Zombies: This very well may be the start of the zombie apocalypse. These animals must have contracted the zombie virus, yet their bodies couldn't sustain it. It is only a matter of time before human beings become zombies. Within years, maybe months, weeks, or days, the people inhabiting the communities where these animals died will become zombies and start to spread the infection.

Aliens: The aliens got tired of just cutting the tongues out of cows, so they have opted to get rid of a number of Earth's animals instead. If an alien race is thinking about invading and

colonizing our planet, they are simply trying to clean house first. Perhaps aliens have started to spread a disease through Earth's animals that we cannot detect with modern science. (Mind you, aliens are more intelligent than we are.) It could be that said disease is in fact the aforementioned zombie virus.

Now that you have been informed, you may want to get ready for the end of humanity as we know it. Be prepared for rolling blackouts and shortages of food and water. Oh, and total chaos, be prepared for that too.

There you have it: zombies and aliens. Way more cool and exciting than fireworks, anyway.

"This very well may be the start of the zombie apocalypse."

Right vs. Left: Who's to Blame for the Arizona Shooting

By Nichole Murphy
Contributor

On January 8, 2011, tragedy struck while United States Representative Gabrielle Giffords was holding a constituent meeting at a Safeway supermarket in the La Toscana Village mall, which is in the city of Casas Adobes, Ariz. An unstable 22 year old male, Jared Lee Loughner, allegedly opened fired on a group of innocent bystanders, with Giffords as his main target. The shooting resulted in six dead, with the youngest being a 9 year old girl, Christina Taylor Greene. Left wounded was Gabrielle Giffords along with 12 others.

This has been a national news story since the shooting occurred and has been in the front of American minds. How and why this tragedy occurred are are questions repeated over and over again in my mind, as well as in the minds of many other Americans. We are trying to make sense of this horrible incident and how it could just as easily have been one of us or one of our loved ones who were wounded or killed.

To help us answer these questions the Republicans and the Democrats are both all too ready to place blame on the other, using this tragedy to further their causes.

I have my own opinion on who is at fault in this catastrophe but before I give my thoughts let's look to the accusations on each side.

Put simply, the Democrats believe the Republicans are responsible for the Arizona shooting because they believe that right wingers promote violence. The Democrats support their claims because of a map used in the campaign of Republican Sarah Palin that was composed of crosshairs, pointing out 20 congressional districts won by Sen. John Mc-

Cain in the 2008 election that had Democratic representatives voting in favor of the health care reform bill proposed by President Obama. If this campaign literature is responsible for the Arizona killings, then how is it that this was the first attack on one of the so called targeted areas when the map has been up since last year? According to reports, Loughner had no plans to attack any of the other 20 congressional districts. This mass murderer had an issue with Gabrielle Giffords, not her political party.

Turning the tables, the Republicans hold the Democrats responsible for the attack on Giffords, saying that the event could have been prevented if the Obama administration had been able to reinstate the assault weapons ban that expired in 2004 when Bush held office. But let's be honest here, there are other ways to obtain a gun other than going to Sportsman's Warehouse (the store where Loughner purchased the hand gun used in the Arizona shooting) and purchasing one. Even if Loughner was not able to obtain a gun, there are other measures he could have used in his attack on Giffords. That type of information is readily available on the internet at any time.

We are living in a time in which both major political parties are callous towards one another. There seems to be no leeway or understanding given to the other party. Both parties view the other as ultimately wrong; there is no middle ground. If there is no middle ground where is the average American supposed to stand? The volatile relationship that both major political parties hold has

enraged some Americans because it seems they are more concerned about their own agendas, not what is necessarily best for the American people. But this does not cause the average American to go out, buy a gun and go on a shooting rampage.

Obviously Jared Lee Loughner was impaired and he was looking for an excuse to invoke violence and to be quite honest I think any reason or excuse would have sufficed. He could have seen Giffords on television and could have convinced himself that she was speaking to him and was threatening him in some way. What I am trying to say is that

Loughner would have conjured up any excuse in his mind that would have enabled him to induce violence. I think it is completely ridiculous that any party would hold the other responsible for this mass killing. The enemy here is Loughner himself, he pulled the trigger, no one forced him to take this action.

Any American has the right to oppose, disagree and be angered by the actions or non actions of our government but our actions are just that, our OWN. In my opinion the neither the Democrats nor the Republicans should have used the injuries of the 13 wounded and the deaths of Judge John Roll, 63, Dorthy Morris, 76, Dorwin Stoddard, 76, Christina Greene, 9, Phyllis Scheck, 79 and Gabriel Zimmerman, 30, as a soap box for them to stand on and voice their distaste and blame for the other party. The Republicans and Democrats that are up high on their soap boxes need to come back down and join the rest of the American citizens...in my opinion.

"This mass murderer had an issue with Gabrielle Giffords, not her political party."

Does Exercising in the Cold Burn More Calories?

By Nichole Murphy
Contributor

A few months back, Dateline aired a story covering the question of whether it is possible to lose more weight exercising in freezing temperatures while dressed in summer attire. This notion may seem completely ludicrous, but it almost demands an investigation to see if the claim holds any truth.

Most people are aware that working out in very hot temperatures does not necessarily burn more calories. The excess fluid lost while exercising in sweltering temps is temporary water loss. The same holds true for exercising in frigid temperatures.

Simply going out in the cold for a workout does not burn more calories. Yet, according to

Nancy Clark MS, RD (a renowned nutrition counselor), if extreme measures are used it is in fact possible to boost one's calorie burning capabilities. If an individual is to go out on a very cold day (like the ones we have been experiencing lately) dressed for summer and sunshine, extra calories will be burned in order to keep the body warm.

One study showed that a person can burn up to 13% more calories while exercising in cold temps, as compared with the same activity at room temperature. Sound great? Well there is more. Wearing next to nothing in freezing weather will cause a natural reaction in the body, commonly known as a shiver. Any activity that causes the body to move frequently will result in more calories burned; that goes for warm, room, and frigid temperatures. Clark states that the human body can burn up to 400 additional calories per hour when shivering. This is on top of the calories burnt due to the exercise one engages in!

After gathering the information for this article, I thought it was a no brainer: I'd always workout in the cold. How bad could it be working out in shorts and t-shirt in the middle of January? Well, it was pretty rough to say the least. The thought alone makes me want put on long underwear. I think I will just skip the Twinkies and keep my workout indoors. But for those of you who love the cold weather maybe this extreme workout element will be just what you've been looking for.



Recipe of the Month: Simmered Spinach with Sauté Onions and Almonds

By Rachel Skenandore
Staff Writer

acid that has led to kidney infections and gout.

Spinach is rich in vitamins: K, A, C, B 2 and B6 and E and minerals manganese, folate, magnesium, iron and calcium. When spinach is cooked it should boil for at least one minute to reduce the concentration of oxalic acid.

Other than the high vitamin count, spinach has also been known to protect digestive tract lining from inflammation and provide the body with antioxidant protection. Known as anti-cancer food, spinach is believed to help fight against prostate cancer. Research has also shown that there is a connection between the phytonutrients found in spinach and our nervous system.

If purchasing fresh spinach, look for vibrant leaves these tend to contain more vitamins than wilted spinach. People have raised concern over baby spinach stored in clear plastic while displayed under artificial light, but studies show that this spinach has an increase in nutrients compared to spinach stored in darkness.

Rinse spinach very carefully since it grows close to the soil. Spinach should be eaten within 9 days of purchase. If boiling spinach, do not drink the broth since it will contain unhealthy

Simmered Spinach with Sauté Onions and Almonds

INGREDIENTS

1 bag of spinach 1 onion
Olive oil
Salt and pepper
Seasoned Rice Vinegar
Slivered Almonds or pine nuts
Optional Crushed red pepper flakes

STEPS

1. Chop onion.
2. Warm a frying pan on top of the stove with about 1-2 tablespoon of olive oil and place chopped onion in pan and season with salt and pepper.
3. Sauté onion until caramelized with nuts.
4. Remove oil, onion and nuts from pan and set to the side in a bowl.
5. Place spinach in pan and simmer with some water. Cook until all water is gone.
6. Remove spinach from pan and toss with onions and nuts.
7. Drizzle desired amount of vinegar and optional crushed red peppers over spinach mixture.

The Medical Field Offers Very Little Information About Multiple Sclerosis For Patients With The Disease

By Rachel Skenandore
Staff Writer

Multiple Sclerosis, or MS, is a condition that attacks the central nervous system: spinal cord, optic nerves and the brain, according to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS). Most people are diagnosed between the ages of 20 to 40 years old. Statistically studies have shown that Caucasians are twice as likely to develop MS than other racial groups; women are twice as likely to develop MS than men.

MS varies from in each individual; some cases are mild while others are severely debilitating to the individual, causing possible loss of vision, muscle usage or sensory feeling. The myelin (the fatty substance that protects the nerve fibers in the central nervous systems) is attacked by the body, which leads to possible damage to the nerve fibers. The damaged myelin develops into sclerosis (scar tissue) that prohibits the travel of nerve impulses from the brain and spinal cord.

Diagnosing MS is extremely

difficult task to perform. At this time there is no one test to insure that the patient has MS. It requires a string of tests and examinations to be performed: evaluation of medical history, MRI, Visual Evoked Potential, Cerebrospinal Fluid Analysis and Blood Tests. Early signs of possible MS begins with two episodes of unhealthy activity in the central nervous system which includes the brain, spinal cord and optic nerves at least one month apart different points of time; which leads to a drawn out state of waiting for a diagnose. A patient could also be suffering from other diseases that mimic characteristics of MS.

Visual Evoked Potential is a test on the sensory pathways and their reaction to the nervous system's electrical response; which according to the NMSS this is the most useful test since the damaged myelin creates a slow response time and also provides evidence of scarring in the nerve pathways that is not provided through other tests.

There are four stages of MS: relapsing-remitting MS (RRMS),

secondary-progressive MS (SPMS), primary-progressive MS (PPMS), and Progressive-relapsing MS (PRMS). Most people are first diagnosed with RRMS (relapsing-remitting MS); where the patient is experiencing an increase of previous attacks or new forms of neurologic function that are either permanent or temporary damage to the nerve system. The attacks are not consistent and can last as little as 24 hours. This stage is more commonly diagnosed within 85% of people according to the NMSS.

Secondary-progressive MS 85% of the time directly follows behind RRMS where the pace of the symptoms are increasing either rapidly or long term. Primary-progressive MS is a steady gradual worsening of the disease which is different from person to person that is found in 10% of diagnosed individual. Progressive-relapsing MS is very uncommon and is described as being a progressive disease from the beginning while relapses do occur.

There are a number of MS medicines that are FDA approved, however since the disease is changes its

activity and appears to be unpredictable without a definite characteristic in patients then it is difficult to treat effectively. There are ranges of treatments, but again are required for patients to maintain function of their body and mind that range from physical to speech therapy. It would seem that there is nothing actually concrete on MS which might stem from the difficulty of diagnosing an individual or what the cause of MS is.

There are theories about what is causing MS but no one is certain. According to the NMSS, some scientists believe that there might be a combination of issues causing MS. There are four central areas that have been researched and studied: immunologic, environmental, infectious and genetic. Immunologic have been able to identify which immune cells are attacking the myelin and why but the research appears to be very limited. Environmental studies have theories that MS occur in locations further from the equator.

Another theory is that individuals that are originally from an area with

high cases of MS and move before they are 15 into an area with fewer cases of MS are able to adapt to the probability of the new area. Scientist feel there is relation to vitamin D and sunlight that is produced in individuals that reside close to the equator that lowers their risk factor. Also, studies have shown that there are MS clusters that in a range of location along with a similar time frame, such as the Faeroe Islands (Scotland) after the arrival of British troops during World War II. Infections from viruses, bacteria and other microbes have been studied in patients to investigate if there was any link to a particular infection but nothing has been found so far. There is no concrete evidence that patient can genetically inherit MS or have a genetic predisposition to MS.

It would seem that there is very limited information on MS. Today, there is no concrete evidence on why it occurs. Information on symptoms fluctuates from person to person. There is no successful treatments available and a lack of successful techniques to diagnose an individual.

SG Represents Students On and Off Campus, Keeps Focus on Student Needs

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

Many times in my PNC career, I've heard mention of the Student Government. Perhaps just as many times, I've heard confusion as to what, exactly, the Student Government does. I sat down with Vice President Taylor Coleman to find out, and I was surprised and impressed.

"Our mission is to act as a connection between the faculty and the students," Coleman said. Simple enough, but what exactly does that mean? For starters, when a new program is initiated by the university, the Student Government (SG) will be there to make sure that the students' interests are represented and protected. For example, the SG is currently working on organizing a conference for instructors to learn teaching tips. We've all had those professors who are extremely qualified but seem to lack the ability to clearly and effectively relay their information. The SG is working to remedy that.

Coleman stressed that the SG is open to any and all student comments and complaints. One of the most important things that they do is keep a dated and organized stockpile of all student criticisms that they receive. So, if there are a number of complaints about a similar topic, they can see how many complaints there have been in the past. Then, appropriate action can be taken that a single student may not otherwise be able to take.

Furthermore, if a student has a severe enough claim with a professor, like if a student believes he or she has been graded in a way not according to the syllabus or singled out in some way, there is a court set up to settle these types of disputes. SG members sit in on this court to make sure students get proper representation.

The SG was also behind the PNC gaming series last fall. Students had the opportunity to participate in rock-paper-scissors, ping pong, and other gaming tournaments for prizes. They hope to encourage student activity and enjoyment on campus. The SG will also be collaborating with the FACE committee to organize an open mic during lunch sometime in the spring.

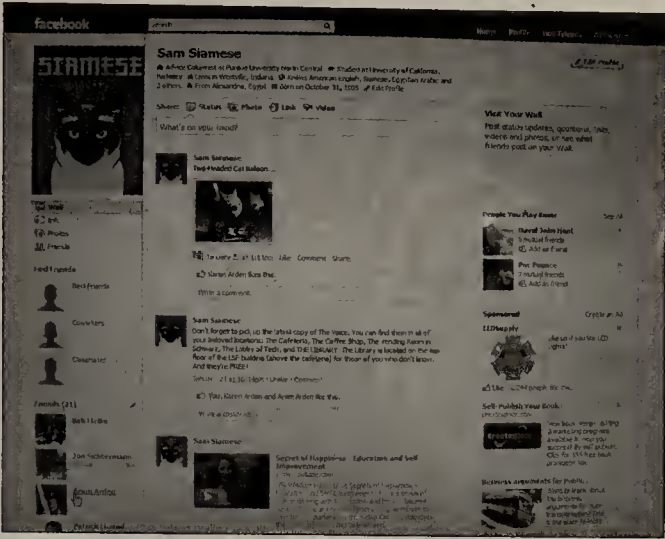
Future projects include adding more motorcycle parking nearer to the Tech side of campus and having more convenient and safer sidewalk routes paved.

The SG does all this and more with no funds allocated to them by the university. Everyone has seen the SG fundraiser booths around campus, and I'm sure everyone has walked on by without stopping once or twice. Next time, reconsider and hear what they are working on at the moment and inquire about future projects. The SG is truly here to represent the students and they have accomplished a great deal already with only donations and contributions. This is one donation that will turn around to immediately and directly affect you as a student at PNC. To find out more, stop in to the SG office in the basement of LSF, right around the corner from the book store. Their goal is to have at least one representative in the office at all times.

Don't forget to vote for your representatives every April!



PNC STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Unpictured is Sean Casey, SGA Representative and Jenna Lowery, SGA Representative.



Somebody is Watching Your Every Click

By Quentin Sheets
Staff Writer

If you have any class in room 308 of the Technology Building during this semester, or future semesters, beware. Professors can now surveil the student computer screens and see whether you are on Facebook, Twitter, or even checking your e-mail. This seems to be an attempt to thwart students from going off-task in the classroom, or could just be an attempt to keep students up to speed.

With this new feature installed on the computers in the room, it will be easier for professors to assist those having trouble with the course. They

will be able to see where and when a student falters on the task at hand.

To some students, though, this may seem like a repeat of what they have experienced in middle and/or high school – teachers trying to keep students off sites not pertaining to the course with the exception that this time, you are paying for these courses. To these students, I say don't hesitate to use your notebook computers or netbooks during the class instead of the provided workstations.

For some, this new feature will be a deterrent to courses in this classroom; for others, a welcome helping hand. How you interpret it is completely up to you.

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With a Grand Prize of \$20 CASH!

To celebrate the beginning of our very new feature **Photo of the Month**, we are holding a PHOTO CONTEST! The winner will receive \$20 cash and have the photo published in both the print and web editions in the March issue of The Voice!



Whether it's something around campus or a shot of your dog, we want your pictures! Students may start submitting photos to The Voice immediately for a chance to win a one-time prize of \$20. Contest ends on February 20th. For each subsequent issue of the paper, one winning photo will be chosen as our Photo of the Month, sans prize.

Send your photos to TheVoice@pnc.edu

In Case You Weren't There: The World History of December

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

Everyone seems to complain about the continuous rise in gas prices lately.

On February 25, 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline. The tax: a hefty 1 cent per gallon!

February 1, 1972, the first handheld scientific calculator was introduced to the public. The price: a very reasonable \$395. After considering all the money saved on our calculator purchases, paying three dollars a gallon for gas might not seem so bad!

February 18, 1979, snow fell in the Sahara Desert for the first and only time in recorded weather history. Schools and businesses were closed due to the lack of available snow plows to clear roads. Scientists opposing the theory of global warming went on record stating, "Told you so."

On the same day in 1969, The Doors front man, Jim Morrison, was arrested for exposing himself during a live concert. It was totally his right to

express himself, man!

Just about one year prior on February 16, 1968, the country's first emergency 911 phone system was installed in Haleyville, Ala. Before this time, cit-

grave should be carefully monitored. If he should ever rise again as a zombie, he should immediately be captured and placed back in prison.

February 29, 1692, Sarah Good was

one of the first women to be tried for witchcraft in the infamous Salem Witch Trials. At the time of her trial, Good was reduced to a beggar due to debts from a former husband. Some of the testimony against Good included her wretched condition, having no friends, being of ill-repute, and for angrily muttering under her breath after her neighbors refused to give her charity. Luckily, modern-American courts now give every criminal a

fair and speedy trial and have a long record of executing only guilty persons.

February 2, 1878, Greece declared war on Turkey. Turkey eventually won the war and drove Greece out. This is why even today turkey remains such a lean meat.

izens had only two options for reporting emergencies: Ghost Busters and Batman.

February 25, 1973, Juan Corona was sentenced to twenty-five life sentences for murdering twenty-five people. It is supposedly stated in his sentence that upon his death, Corona's



The World as We Know It: Weird News from around the World

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

BERLIN—Any "Office" enthusiast should remember the episode where character Michael Scott drives into a lake because his GPS told him to. Where do the writers get this stuff? Probably from actual known events. The remarkably funny television incident may have come from the inventive mind of a staff writer, yet it appears that this kind of stuff actually does happen. An elderly couple in Austria followed exactly where their GPS told them to go, even though there was no road when the system told them to make a turn. The unfortunate couple drove into a church building. Thankfully, the two went to the hospital for only minor injuries, however, the church did not fare so well. The crash shook the foundation and caused an estimated \$25,000 worth of euros in damage.

KIEV, Ukraine—There are so many cases out there of people lying in order to get someone else to pay for some-

thing they want. That's exactly what aquarium workers believed a woman was trying to do when she made the claim that one of the exhibited crocodiles had eaten her cell phone. Not a normal part of a croc's diet, the employees were skeptical. However, once



the poor animal's stomach started ringing, there was no doubting the young woman's story. It seems that when the woman reached over the tank to snap an action shot, she lost her grip on the phone. The croc then made a grab for the cell and gobbled it up.

NEW ZEALAND—Necking has been taken to a new level. A New

Zealand woman in her mid-forties received a hickey from her partner after a night of fun. Unfortunately, this display of love had a very damaging effect. Apparently, the hickey her partner gave her was situated on an artery in her neck. The amount of suction needed to create the bruising that is a hickey was also enough to create a small blood clot in the artery. The clot made its way to her heart causing a stroke that led to partial paralysis.

SOQUEL, Calif.—Clay Butler, owner of a California based beverage company, is raking in the dough by selling his soda for anywhere between \$10 and \$15 per 12-ounce bottle. Why would some one pay that much for such a small amount, one may ask? It all has to do with the ingredients. Marketing his own line of medical marijuana, Butler adds a measured amount of THC into each bottle. Some of his unique flavors include Orange Kush, Canna Cola, and Doc Weed.

Target Begins Its Expansion Outside Of The US



By Sarah Lasser
Editor

On Thursday, January 13th, Target released its newest plans to expand into Canada. The American company has decided to pay \$1.825 billion Canadian to buy out the Canadian chain Zellers, which maintains about 220 stores nationwide. However, Target plans on only re-vamping 100-150 locations into Target named stores. Many of the remaining buildings will be converted into other retail establishments.

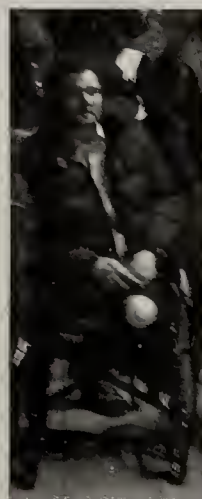
In a press release, the president and CEO of Target Corporation, Gregg Steinhafel, makes the claim, "This real estate acquisition is a significant opportunity for Target to extend our brand and stores beyond the US for the first time. We are very excited to take this important next step in our growth and our history, and to deliver an outstanding shopping ex-

perience for our new guests in Canada."

All renovations are set to take place in the next few years, with the plan to open the new stores in 2013-2014. Tony Fisher, formerly the vice president of merchandise operations, has been promoted to the position of president of Target Canada. Being described by his

employers as having "a strong sense of Target's unique culture, merchandising strategy and brand, and a proven record of delivering results," Fisher is expected to make Target Canada an efficient and profitable acquisition for the company.

Currently, the American corporation runs 1,752 Target stores nationally, Vermont being the only state in the US that does not house at least one Target building. With these numerous locations under its belt, Target has kept its promise to donate five percent of its profits to local communities, averaging a total of more than \$3 million (US) each and every week. Though it remains unclear to date whether Target Canada will be adhering to the company's community aiding policy, it is highly likely that the northern country's Target stores will be donating to local Canadian grants and programs.



"On October 16th 2010, our Lake Station Indiana hometown hero was severely W.I.A. during a time of war against terrorism and the protection of our freedom as well as others freedom. In his time of service, he recently sacrificed a substantial portion of everyday life for his dedication and devotion to our country and those abroad. While his injuries will present a different lifestyle of feats and accomplishments, we are thankful that he is still among us. We appreciate and hurt with you brother."

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Shoreline Brewery Delivers Tasty Food, Welcoming Atmosphere, and Incredible Beers

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

I have finally experienced the legendary Shoreline Brewery in Michigan City, IN. I have heard it's praises sung by many people whose judgments I trust. I just had never made the trip out there because of well, you know, life. My Shoreline initiation is now complete, and I am more than satisfied.

The atmosphere inside is quite nice. It has a large dining room with comfortable chairs, something that is often missing in bars. Sitting on a bar stool for extended periods is not my idea of comfort. Even when most of the tables suddenly filled, the tall ceilings helped accommodate most of the noise so that my companions and I could have a conversation without screaming at each other.

Our tables first round of drinks consisted of the Rillo Rye Imperial Rye Ale, Beltaine Scottish Ale, Singing Sands Oatmeal Stout, and the Lost Sailor Imperial Stout. The rye ale was certainly the most unique and interesting of the bunch. It had a huge, citrusy hops presence, almost to the level of a strong pale ale, but the body was very thick and heavy; not what one would expect from such a hoppy

bite. It was definitely a beer to be sipped and relished.

The Beltaine Scottish Ale, simply said, was smooth and delicious without being overpowering.

Between the two stouts at the table, we all agreed that the oatmeal stout was superior, but I did very much enjoy the imperial stout. The Lost Sailor concentrated more on sweetness and the chocolatey coffee flavors were definitely prominent. The Singing Sands was damn near the perfect oatmeal stout: creamy, thick, and more bitter than its Lost Sailor competitor.

Due to an ordering mishap, I also got to try to the Region Rat Red Ale. It was light but flavorful and reminded me of a Newcastle Brown Ale, albeit a bit less complex. The interesting part was the aftertaste, or rather its total lack of one. Almost as soon as the beer moves from the mouth, the flavor is gone. This beer is a winner for those who dislike the bitter aftertaste of many beers.

Bring on the food! I ordered a Scotch Egg for myself; something I've wanted to try for quite some time. For those unfamiliar, this tasty number is a hardboiled egg wrapped in a thick layer of sausage, which is then breaded and fried. It was crispy and flavorful. The only problem was the

sausage was raw in a couple places closest to the egg.

I also ordered the mushroom ravioli. This great dish was tossed with sundried tomatoes, shitake mushrooms, and shallots. The menu said it came with a pesto cream sauce. My sauce was a reddish-orange and tasted more like a cheese based sauce than pesto. Regardless, it was delicious, just not what I had expected.

My other favorite entree at the table was the pulled pork wrap. Generous amounts of tender pulled pork, smothered in a fantastic BBQ sauce and wrapped up with caramelized onions, cheddar cheese, and coleslaw. The wrap was well balanced and disappeared quickly.

Overall I was extremely satisfied with my Shoreline experience. The prices are fair. Four dollars for an impressive craft beer? Yes, please. The menu offers a little bit of everything; a few pastas, many sandwiches, some grilled meat options, several seafood dishes, and even some tasty sounding salads. You never know what you will be in the mood for after a few great beers, but whatever it is, Shoreline will leave you satisfied.

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CASTLE CRASHERS

variety of enemies to retrieve the king's gem and his daughters.

No, this is not just another ordinary role-playing game. This is Castle Crashers.

Castle Crashers is a cartoonish brawler fighting title by Indie developers The Behemoth. Like classic arcade and early console brawlers, Crashers puts players up against many enemies at once to defeat using melee combat. The game is composed of side-scrolling levels that allow the player's character to move left, right, up, and down.

Progression through levels earns players experience points, money, weapons, and animal orbs from defeating enemies. Experience points are earned to level up characters. Each time a character levels up, points are rewarded to put into any of the four combat categories: strength, magic, defense, and agility. Money is a necessity to purchase helpful items and more weapons. You will want to make sure you continue to upgrade weapons to kill enemies with more ease. The animal orbs allow you to choose that animal as a companion. The small, floating animal will follow your character and help him defeat the baddies with their individual powers.

However, there is more to the game than grinding through

levels. One feature is a multiplayer mode that supports up to four players, either locally or online. Castle Crashers also contains additional arena levels. Through these arena levels, more characters can be unlocked to play as. (All characters have different magical abilities, so it is worthwhile to unlock them.) There is also a mini-game included: Xbox 360 players have All You Can Quaff—a food eating contest that requires button-mashing; PlayStation 3 players have Volleyball—a volleyball game that allows up to four players against four computer characters.

Castle Crasher is Xbox Live Arcade's top selling and highest rated title with more than 165,000 downloads and nearly five stars. The Xbox 360 version has a possible 12 achievements (200 gamer score points) to earn and two downloadable content (DLC) packs for 160 Microsoft points each. For the PlayStation 3, the DLC are already included for no extra cost.

Castle Crashers is available for purchase and download through Xbox 360's Xbox Live Arcade and PlayStation 3's PlayStation Network. It is rated T (Teen) by the ESRB.



WATCH THESE



DVD
 "Skin" (2008) A dark-skinned girl born to white South African parents attempts to explore her identity in the era of apartheid as her government, her parents, and society as a whole struggle with what it means to be a black child of Caucasian descent in a nation deeply divided by race.

TV
 AMC's newest original series debuts next month. "The Killing" tells the story of the murder of a young girl from Seattle and the subsequent police investigation that follows. From the producer that brought you "Cold Case," "The Killing" will consist of thirteen one hour episodes and is slated to premiere April 3rd at 10 pm.

YOUTUBE
 Howcast.com presents "How to Win Over Your Mother-in-Law." This little how-to video is filled with some really excellent pointers on how to get along with the mother of your significant other.

PLAY THESE

Dead Space 2
 Electronic Arts. Xbox 360, PS3

Players will take on bigger, scarier and more epic battles that will keep them on the edge of their seats. Delivering a sensory overload of sound, visuals and action sequences, Dead Space 2 will bring the psychological thrills of deep space to a terrifying new level.

Chronicle of Mysteries: The Tree of Life
 City Interactive. Nintendo DS, PC

What is linking the mystery of the missing crew from the Mary Celeste with a trunk dating back to the conquistadors? Who is the enigmatic Count of St. Germain? In order to get answers to these and more questions, Sylvie will set on an epic journey into the unknown.



Spring Trip To Florida For The PNC Baseball Team

By Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

The PNC baseball team will be traveling to two different locations in Florida for their annual spring trip in the near future. On March 5, the baseball team is heading out to Auburn-dale, Fla for the three day RussMatt Baseball Tournament. At this tournament, the Panther baseball team will play games against William Penn of Iowa, Lesley College of Mass., Point Park College of Penn., Southeast Florida University and Concordia University of Neb.

The very day they leave Auburn-dale, the Panthers will be traveling to Lake Wales, Fla. for the second part of their annual trip. For four more days they will be practicing and preparing for their upcoming season. The team is set to play in the Warner University Tournament in Lake Wales. Opposing teams include Bellevue University of Neb., Warner



PNC Panther Baseball Team.

University of Fla., Walsh University of Ohio, and Saint Ambrose University of Iowa.

The Panther baseball team will be granted an off day during the spring trip so that the players and any families who have made the trip can enjoy the warm Florida weather. Most of

the players try to attend spring training games for Major League Baseball teams that are in the area at that time.

The Panther baseball team's first game of the season is scheduled for March 15 at 3:30 p.m. against Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill.

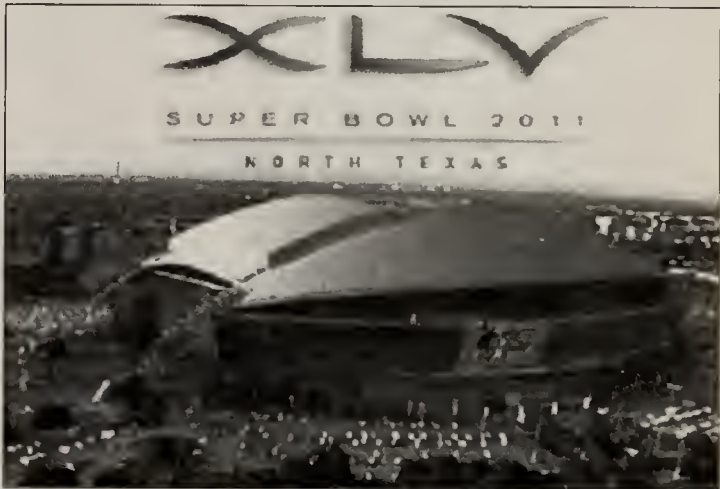
SUPERBOWL XLV Green Bay Packers Versus Pittsburgh Steelers

By Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

Sunday, the Chicago Bears vs. the Green Bay Packers game was the 182nd meeting between the league's most historic rivalry. The starting quarterback for the Packers, Aaron Rodgers, played outstanding and was better than all three Bears quarterbacks that played

throwing two touchdowns. Green Bay ended up defeating Chicago in a 21-14 victory. The Packers (13-6) are now headed to Dallas for Superbowl XLV.

The second showdown on Sunday was the New York Jets vs. the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Jets were down 24-0 and starting coming back in the fourth quarter to make the final score 24-19. If the Jets had won the game, it would have been the largest champi-



in the game. Rodgers threw for 244 total yards with two interceptions. He is surely beginning an impressive career behind superstar, Brett Favre.

Jay Cutler, the starting quarterback for the Chicago Bears, injured his knee in the third quarter and sat out the rest of the game. Backup quarterback, Todd Collins, entered the game for a couple plays, but appeared to be headed in the wrong direction. Caleb Hanie, a fairly unknown quarterback for the Bears, then entered the game and changed the momentum by

onship game comeback in NFL history.

Ben Roethlisberger, the starting quarterback for the Steelers, ended up 10 for 19 passing with two interceptions for a quarterback rating of 35.5. The Steelers will now be entering their eighth Superbowl in history, and are tied with the Dallas Cowboys for the most Superbowl appearances. However, Pittsburgh will need a better performance from Roethlisberger to defeat Green Bay in the Superbowl, set to air on February 6, 2011.

PNC Basketball Team Still Struggling



By Katelain Leslie
Sports Writer

Jordan Wiseman's strong shooting

effort wasn't enough to drive the Panthers past the Fighting Saints. The Fighting Saints defeated the Panthers at home by the score of 82-

76 Saturday evening. Wiseman scored 22 points, which included 5 of 9 shooting from the 3-point line. He also added 6 assists, 5 rebounds, and 2 steals. Junior point guard, Nick Neal, also had a good shooting night scoring by 19 points, going 6 of 12 from the field. Coach Schnatz said after the game, "Our focus is all on the defensive end right now. We have shown all year that we can score with teams. We must buckle down and get stops if we're going to have a chance at making a run the second time through our conference." The Panthers are currently 4-18 on the season and are 1-6 in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

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RESEARCHERS

The team also has found evidence that a hypertension drug might be able to treat the disease.

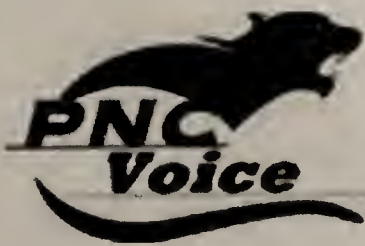
Mice have been used for testing the cause probable cause of MS; where they were exposed to high levels of acrolein and the results showed that 60% of the test group showed acrolein in the spinal cord tissues. The importance of these results is that it is the first concrete laboratory evidence between acrolein and MS which was not present in previous research. "Only

recently have researchers started to understand the details about what acrolein does to the human body," Shi said. "We are studying its effects on the central nervous system, both in trauma and degenerative diseases such as multiple sclerosis."

Acrolein is found in cigarette smoke, car pollutants and auto exhaust. Researchers found that by distributing hydralazine to the test group prevented neuronal death from acrolein. Hydralazine postponed symptoms of MS and neutralized acrolein in the study group. "The treatment did not cause any serious side effects in the mice," Shi said. "The dosage we used for hydralazine in animals is several times lower than the standard dosing for

oral hydralazine in human pediatric patients. Therefore, considering the effectiveness of hydralazine at binding acrolein at such low concentrations, we expect that our study will lead to the development of new neuroprotective therapies for MS that could be rapidly translated into the clinic."

A paper was published online the Journal Neuroscience and written by doctoral students Gary Leung, Wenjing Sun and Lingxing Zheng; graduate research assistant Melissa Tully, who is an MD-Ph.D. student at Purdue and the Indiana University School of Medicine; postdoctoral researcher Sarah Brookes; and Shi.



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and
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Dear Sam:

Three of my closest friends from high school and I got together over winter break for a little reunion. We all met up at a really nice hotel in Chicago for the weekend. It was a wonderful time. We ate at some nice restaurants, went to a few clubs, and indulged ourselves in some spa treatments at the hotel.

One of these friends now lives in Arizona and didn't bring all the proper clothing for January in the Windy City, so I ended up lending her one of my sweaters. She wore the sweater for most of the weekend and then she returned it to me just before we departed. When I got home I realized there was a rip in the sweater!

The next day I sent her a brief email explaining the damage and kindly asked that she replace it. She completely denied that the tear was her

fault and said she felt insulted that I would even think of asking her to replace it. So I bought a new sweater and sent her the receipt in the mail.

It's been a month and I haven't heard a word from her. She pretends that I don't exist on Facebook, and now I'm considering deleting her from my friends' list. Is this friendship salvageable? When she moved away after high school, I hardly got any phone calls from her, just a few text messages and random comments on Facebook. She claims to be really busy with work and classes, but isn't friendship a two-way street?

Dear Frustrated:

Have you ever heard the phrase accidents happen? They happen all the time. Living the high life in the big city can take a toll on things, even sweaters.

Besides, sweaters don't matter, people do. Whatever price you paid isn't worth losing a friend. This friend-

ship can't be fixed until you realize the important things in life.

Your friend deserves an apology for the informal and rude way you pushed the issue. If the friendship was strong enough before, she'll forgive you.

Sam the Siamese

Dear Sam:

Since almost every single living person in the country is now on Facebook, this means that every single member of my family has a Facebook account and they all want to be my friend. Some of them are getting real upset because I haven't accepted their friend requests.

The reason I haven't is because I know they won't approve of what they see on my page. They don't like most of my friends and I know they won't like the comments that have been made, not to mention the fact that I have tons of photos from nights out with my friends in various bars drinking lots of liquor.

I enjoy sharing pictures with my friends and don't feel I should have to censor my page just so I can add my family as my "friends" when I interact with them enough face-to-face. How can I tell my family this without looking like a complete jerk?

Rob in North Judson

Dear Rob:

Facebook isn't just for college kids anymore. So I must warn you of the

perils of Facebook privacy problems. The best rule of thumb for posting your life on the internet, whether it's via Facebook or not: don't share information that you're not comfortable with the whole world viewing. This could mean your parents, your grandparents, your boss, future employers, or faculty at your university.

You may think that by setting your page to private your information is safe from everyone except the people on your friends' list, but don't forget that Facebook owns your information. Take the case of June Talvitie-Siple, a high school teacher from Massachusetts who thought her comments were private. Apparently, Facebook had made some modifications to the network that reset all user profiles with public settings. Talvitie-Siple didn't realize this until it was too late. Frustrated at work, she began to post comments that eventually led to her resignation.

I'd say it's time to grow up and clean up your act. Maybe you should consider finding some new friends that you're not so ashamed of and deleting the booze shots. Tagging pictures of your friends doing a double beer bong might seem like fun today, but you could come to regret that decision if it costs you your career down the line.

Sam the Siamese

Sam is waiting to hear from YOU! Send your issues to Sam c/o TheVoice@pnc.edu

Joke of the Month

A girl from Oklahoma and a girl from Wisconsin were seated side by side on a plane. The girl from Oklahoma, being friendly and all said, "So, where y'all from?"

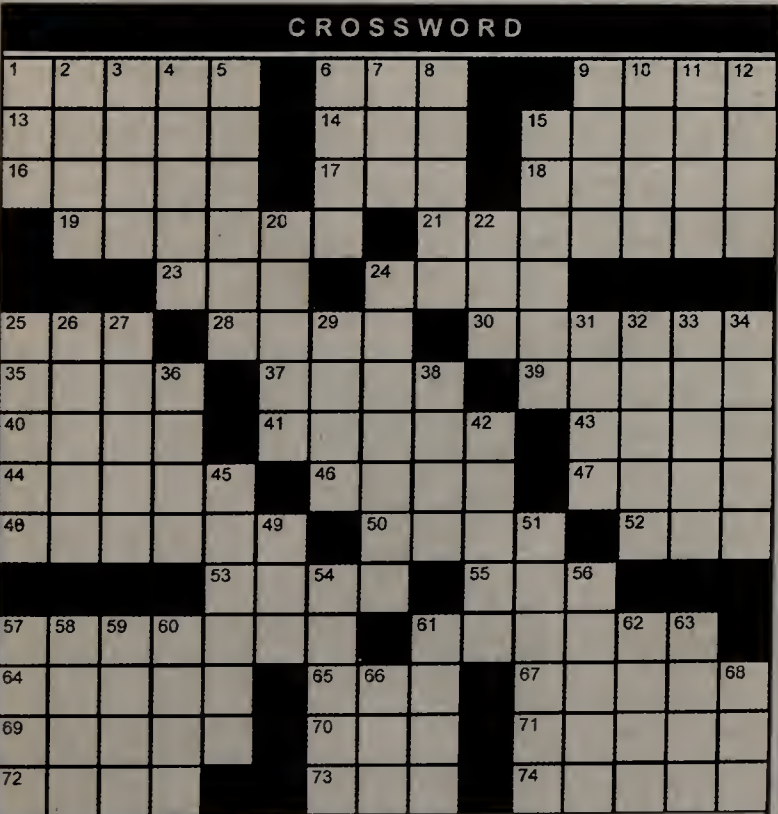
The Wisconsin girl said, "From a place where they know better than to use a preposition at the end of a sentence."

The girl from Oklahoma sat quietly for a few moments and then replied, "So, where y'all from, bitch?"

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Answers to January's Crossword Puzzle can be found on The Voice website under the Entertainment Section. Good Luck! Puzzle difficulty too hard? Please let us know at thevoice@pnc.edu

VALENTINE'S DAY

ACROSS

- 1. African sorcery
- 6. *Drawn by Cupid
- 9. It loosens as people age
- 13. Window treatment
- 14. "___ in the hole"
- 15. Stiff hair, pl.
- 16. Russian country house
- 17. Unwelcome to smokers
- 18. Chew out
- 19. The product of six and five
- 21. He romanticized Valentine's Day
- 23. Pig pen
- 24. Indian lentils
- 25. Humpty Dumpty did this
- 28. "The Blind ___"
- 30. Method or maneuver
- 35. A distinctive but intangible quality
- 37. Target of rhinoplasty
- 39. "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" spin-off
- 40. Eye contractor
- 41. Relish or zest
- 43. Port in Yemen
- 44. Civil rights org.
- 46. Actress Sofer
- 47. Frog's friend, Arnold Lobel
- 48. Ennui
- 50. A coarse file

- 52. Like a fox
 - 53. Wholly engrossed
 - 55. U.N. labor agency
 - 57. *___ Awareness Day
 - 61. Operational
 - 64. *Love intensely
 - 65. Old evil-looking woman
 - 67. To pine
 - 69. Extremely cold
 - 70. Wholly or totally
 - 71. "___ but a goodie"
 - 72. Food preserver
 - 73. Path or direction
 - 74. Nephew's sister
- DOWN
- 1. Not divisible by two
 - 2. "The ___ Pack" of the 80s
 - 3. "To ___ his own"
 - 4. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
 - 5. *Popular candy shape, pl.
 - 6. *Term of endearment
 - 7. South American tuber
 - 8. A pirate's date?
 - 9. Bloody king of Israel, cause of Jezebel's death
 - 10. Relating to ear
 - 11. Roc's opponent
 - 12. Suggestive look
 - 15. Variable quantity that cannot be resolved into components

- 20. Lacing a shoe, e.g.
- 22. Typically removed indoors
- 24. Many save room for this
- 25. *Valentine, e.g.
- 26. Plural of #35 Across
- 27. Threesome
- 29. Grim
- 31. Type of room
- 32. Commotions
- 33. Something one hopes to attain
- 34. *Often boxed in
- 36. Reproductive structures
- 38. Highest volcano in Europe
- 42. A mirage?
- 45. Opposite of knitted, as in stitch
- 49. Legendary West
- 51. *"If music be the food of love, ___"
- 54. Exclamation of contempt
- 56. Plural of obelus
- 57. Droops
- 58. It sometimes comes to mind
- 59. Coach of four winning Super Bowls
- 60. The Coen brothers' "True ___"
- 61. Like America Ferrera's Betty
- 62. Load up
- 63. "Layla" performer
- 66. ___ mode
- 68. Affleck ___ Gamer



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Happy St. Patrick's Day !

Living with Lupus and IVDD: The Kathryn Macon Story

By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

NEDERLAND, Texas-- Fifteen year old Kathryn Macon waits at home for the return of her four year old dachshund Daisy who's in the hospital recovering from back surgery. Daisy had to have two discs in her spine removed, a procedure that is becoming more and more common in long bodied breeds like the dachshund. Their long spines are prone to injury and Invertebrate Disc Disease (IVDD), a condition that hardens the soft pliable cushions between the vertebrae and causes pain, eventually leading to a ruptured disc and paralysis. The procedure costs an estimated 2,000 dollars; Daisy's surgery expenses were 1,600 dollars.

In 2007, the young girl Kathryn was diagnosed with SLE Lupus, a debilitating autoimmune disease that causes the body's tissues to be attacked by its own immune system. People with Lupus produce abnormal antibodies in their blood that target

tissues within their own body rather than foreign infectious agents. It often harms the heart, joints, skin, lungs, blood vessels, liver, kidneys, and nervous system; and leads to other diseases like Hughes Syndrome and Polymyositis. Kathryn also has

Plymoyositis in conjunction with Lupus, an inflammatory disease that attacks the muscles.

Kathryn spent two months in the Texas Children's Hospital in Houston before doctors were able to diagnose her. Lupus can be difficult to both

diagnose and treat. Doctors considered a form of muscular dystrophy and even accused Kathryn's mother of accidentally poisoning her.

There is no cure for Lupus and in some cases it can lead to death. Since Kathryn is a teenager, her body is going through the customary hormonal changes which cause her lupus to flare up. She probably won't go into remission until her 20's. Until then, she has to take up to 10 pills a day and receive one small dose of chemotherapy each week. The medicine is not only costly, but has side effects that lead to liver damage and often times Lupus patients end up depending on a dialysis machine due to kidney failure.

While Kathryn was in the hospital she had to undergo a tracheotomy and returned home using a ventilator. "Daisy was so amazing with her when she came home from the hospital," says Kathryn's mother, Kari Angelle. "She laid on Kat's bed watching over her, never getting too close to her trach[estomy tube], or [breathing]



Daisy cuddles up to young Kathryn Macon while she sleeps.

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Riding the Red Bull, Rock Star and Monster Waves

By Nichole Murphy
Contributor

Most college students love the high that energy drinks can produce. Many use the drinks around "crunch time" when mid-terms and finals are upon them. With only so many hours in a day, students often look for something to give them that extra edge and energy drinks provide just that.

Energy drinks are used to supplement endurance and extra energy when people are running thin on time and energy. Since PNC is a commuter college many of the students who attend here hold part-time and full-time jobs, have families, and maintain a full time class schedule. For many, energy

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RAD is now offering simulation for participants

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

On March 16, the basic Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) course will begin once again on the PNC campus. Hosted by the campus police and taught by their dispatcher, Sue Zahn, the course welcomes students, faculty and community members. Free of charge, all women ages 13 and over should attend to learn the basic principles of avoiding perilous situations as well as numerous moves to defend themselves.

According to the PNC website, RAD's "initial focus is on education and awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and avoidance of assault and rape." Even those who are knowledgeable in self defense moves will find this course beneficial. Being free of charge may lead one to the assumption that the training offered is too basic to be

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Spring Break 2011! What are you doing?

By Nick Phillips
Contributor

It's that time of year again. It's the time of year that all college students look forward to almost as much as they do their own graduation. That time is, of course, spring break.

You can already feel the building tension in the air as students prepare to disembark from the daily grind of coursework and escape to a destination of their choosing. Some students are planning on heading across our Southern border to the beautiful resort

cities in Mexico. At least one student is planning to head up North to our friendly, maple flavored neighbor Canada. What about you?

Do you plan to pack up, leave town, and enjoy every minute of your vacation, or are you going to stay home and catch up on some long overdue homework that has been piling up? Perhaps long-distance travel is not for you and you only wish to get a short distance away. Well then, major cities like Indianapolis and Chicago are only a short car trip distance.

Perhaps travel doesn't suit you?

Perhaps you don't see yourself packing a bag and heading away from home this year. All is well; there is an option for you. You can simply lounge around and catch up on your favorite television programs, catch up on some late school work, try to get a head start on work for the upcoming week or simply stare at a wall. Your choices are limitless.

Spring break is an opportunity, and students should take advantage of it. It is one of the few times during the school year that a student can be enrolled in classes and simply sleep in or go to bed early with no repercus-

sions. You don't have to wake up Monday morning and scramble to get ready at six in the morning, and you don't have to come home after a long shift at work only to change out of your uniform and head to your night classes.

Spring break is a week buried in the middle of the semester that takes away one of your obligations and allows you to utilize your time to your liking. The question is, what do YOU plan to do with this spring break? Share your stories with us by e-mailing them to thevoice@pnc.edu.

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PNC: Pretty Nearly College?

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

I can no longer count the times I have heard people spout out to me that the acronym for PNC is actually "Pretty Nearly College." A few times, this has come from people in the world of academia who are in no way affiliated with the Purdue name. There are two valid reasons for why I keep hearing this from people.

One is that students at PNC lack school spirit, effectively allowing this attitude to pervade the mindset of others without standing up in defense of their school. The second is that PNC has extremely low standards. This may or may not actually be PNC's fault. An article in The Huffington Post by Eric Gorski mentions the book "Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses," which relates the findings of a study done on how much college students are actually learning. From this book, Gorski states that "half of students [in the study] did not take a single course requiring 20 pages of writing during their prior semester, and one-third did not take a single course requiring even 40 pages of reading per week."

That would mean low standards may be a nationwide problem. Gorski states in his article that 45 percent of the students polled did not learn very much in college. However, he also states that only just more than 2,300 students were part of the study. That's approximately half of the PNC student body!

Admittedly, it is a lot of work to poll that many students, but to make the claim that only 55 percent of students are learning anything, 2,300 students does not seem like a high enough number.

From my own personal experience at this campus, I have had a number of classes that do not require the 40 pages of reading that Gorski quotes. Yet, as an English major, I have had instructors who assign much more than that over an entire semester. This happens in other disciplines as well, for my anthropology class this spring knocked out 40 pages in a matter of two assignments.

Then again, I have had a couple of instructors at PNC spoonfeed answers to exams, midterms, and even finals to the entire class. Why would you expect a busy college student to take the time to learn something when it's not really required, especially if the interest is not there? This has nothing to do with any reading statistic, but it surely reflects the standards held at PNC.

Perhaps the problem is not that classes are not challenging students, but that PNC has lowered its acceptance standards. According to the common data set PNC is required to put together (due to it being an accredited school), the 2002 year saw a student body of 3,657. This year's calculations state that there are 4,614 students enrolled. Though the numbers have risen quite a bit, the retention rate has diminished. The rate in 2002 is listed as 63%; yet this year has fallen to 58%. Not too much of a difference, but important to notice that last

year saw a lowly 54% retention rate.

More importantly are the graduation rates. Considering the policy is to rate students who have graduated in six years or less, the latest calculations are from the 2004 cohort. Unfortunately, the cohort only saw a 16% graduation rate. This is even less than the 2003 cohort which was recorded as the lowly number of 20%. That means right now only 16% of the student body has stayed at PNC to graduate within the six year period.

Do these numbers seem startling? They do to me. I know that I will be part of the statistic to help out the graduation rate for my year, but how many of my classmates will drop out before they finish? Did PNC lower its standards to accept students who should really be in a community college? We are not Ivy Tech, you know. However, the higher the acceptance rates, the more money PNC receives.

I leave you now with this last thought: PNC may be accepting a lot more applicants, but it doesn't need to dumb down its classes. When an instructor sets a higher bar for his or her course, students will work harder to meet it. Unfortunately, after the class has ended, students will most likely seek out more lenient instructors based on their peers' past experiences. However, if PNC will raise its standards as a group, that problem will not exist. We are PNC, and if we don't want to remain known as Pretty Nearly College, then something has to change.

Experiences beginning the Boots and Bridles Club on campus

By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

Last Thursday I arrived on campus at 7 o'clock in the morning to present my petition for starting a student organization at the weekly Student Government Association meeting. I had twenty student signatures, myself as president, a treasurer, a faculty advisor, and a club constitution. It was everything I needed to get approved. Success was certain to be mine considering this is something completely new to PNC.

The club I envision is a student equestrian club that will give its members the opportunity to participate in horse related activities and bring together PNC horse lovers. The idea originally started when I was assigned to write an article for The Voice about the Purdue Calumet (PUC) Equestrian team. I knew there was an equestrian team at the main campus, but I was surprised to hear that PUC had one.

I went the PUC Website and found the page for the equestrian team, which hadn't been updated in a while and gave me little information. I did find the

contact information for Dr. Natalie Connors, the faculty advisor, and immediately sent her an e-mail inquiring about the team. Connors replied with the news that PNC students are eligible for the team. Upon asking how I should go about joining, she directed me to student president Jackie Rex.

I attended the next team meeting where I met Rex's mother, Kitty Rex, the team's western coach. Rex owns a private barn in Lake Village where she offers students a reduced fee for riding lessons to prepare for competition at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) shows in the region. During this meeting, I learned the team also has a club component for students who do not want to, or cannot, compete.

On my drive home that night, I decided that PNC needed a student equestrian club; and, in all actuality, it needed its own equestrian team. The ability to join the PUC team is a wonderful privilege, but driving to Lake County all the time can be next to impossible for some students, especially those who live east of

campus. I just knew that PNC had enough horse people on campus to make it a possibility.

The Boots and Bridles Equestrian Club was approved and granted fifty dollars seed money. I hung fliers in the hallways and received an overwhelming response. However, we have yet to have our first meeting. Anyone who has ever been involved with a student club on this campus knows one thing: PNC students are not very active. But so far, there seems to be a huge interest.

To make a club successful, it takes active and dedicated members, people who are driven to work towards a common goal. According to the e-mails I've been receiving, there are some very talented and experienced equestrians on our campus, and I have a feeling there's some more out there who have yet to step forward. If we all work together we can make this one of PNC's most prestigious clubs and possibly acquire a team of our own!

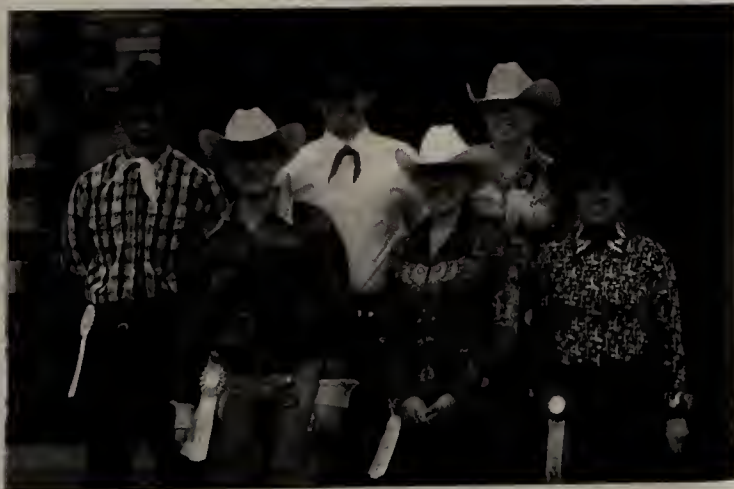
Purdue North Central enrolls 4,600 students on a sprawling 268 acres in the midst of a rural agricultural community.

A facility like this would not only benefit from an equestrian sports team, but would allow pre-vet students and biology majors the opportunity to work in a hands-on environment. Such a facility would also allow students to

board their own horses for fees that would support upkeep and maintenance.

Until then, members of the club will organize and facilitate group events

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Purdue Calumet Western Team. (Back row from left) Sam Basler, Jeremy McCarty, and Jackie Rex. (Front row from left) Bridget Rogers, Courtney Pater, and Amiee Cooper.
PHOTO COURTESY OF PUC EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Simple, Flavorful, Versatile Tomato Based Sauce: easy to cook and delicious to devour

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

- 1-2 TB olive oil
- 1/2 cup onion, diced
- 1-3 cloves garlic, finely diced
- 1 can crushed tomatoes, drained
- 2 TB chicken stock
- 2 TB white wine, preferably dry
- Chopped fresh basil
- 2 TB capers (optional)
- 1-2 TB butter
- salt and pepper to taste

Makes about 2 servings. The recipe can easily be doubled or tripled.

This recipe is very easy and can be manipulated to use in many applications. The sauce is based off of a recipe from "The Barefoot Contessa Cookbook." Additional applications are of my own design. Ingredients are listed in order of appearance. Almost all the amounts can be changed depending on your tastes. The way the recipe stands now, the finished product will be more like a salsa or relish consistency. It is great atop grilled chicken or broiled salmon (or other meaty, fatty fish like swordfish). The sauce can be made in a sauté pan, or a small pot. A sauté pan will allow for faster evaporation, the small pot will take longer but offers more control.

1. Heat the olive oil over medium low.
2. Add the onion and cook until softened, 3-4 minutes
3. Add garlic, cook 1-2 minutes
4. Add the whole can of tomatoes. Lower heat to low. Simmer, stirring occasionally until much of the liquid is evaporated. Don't let it get too dry, though.

This should only take a few minutes.

5. Add the stock and wine. Simmer until the sauce is thickened to desired consistency. Generally, you should be able to dip a spoon in the sauce, run your finger over the back of the spoon, and the track left by your finger will be visible.
6. Once you have reached your consistency, add the basil, capers, and butter. Once the butter is melted, add your desired amount of salt and pepper and you are ready to serve.

If you want more of a pasta sauce, don't drain the tomatoes. Increase the stock and wine to 1/3 cup each. The extra liquid will require more simmering time in steps 4 and 5, but the finished product will be a delicious, chunky pasta sauce. Cook some chicken (cubed), sausage (chunk or rounds), shrimp, scallops, and/or any mix of your favorite vegetables and add to a bowl of any small, short pasta (rigatoni, shells, macaroni, penne, etc) and top with the sauce.

If you really want a smooth, rich sauce, add a few ounces of tomato paste in step five. Once all the ingredients are incorporated, pour the sauce into a blender or food processor and process until desired smoothness is reached. This smooth sauce can be used on pastas or as a pizza sauce.

Have a hankering for homemade tomato soup? Leave out the capers and make sure you use a small pot instead of a sauté pan, and otherwise continue as usual. Add the finished product to the blender or food processor and process until smooth. If you want a chunkier soup, skip that step.

Add 1/4-1/2 cup milk. Heat over low heat until well incorporated. Add a dash of Worcestershire sauce and an additional pat of butter. Make yourself a grilled cheese and dip away.

This sauce is one of my favorites. Start to finish it only takes about 15 minutes and it can be used in so many ways. Enjoy!



Is Facebook Making You Sad?

By Katelain Leslie
Staff Writer

According to CBS, while most people log on to Facebook to find out what's going on, a new study reveals that peering into the lives of your peers is making people look at themselves, and some aren't happy with what they see. Over the past few years, Facebook and other social networking sites have quickly become the place where people of all ages share lives publicly with family and friends.

But Facebook, which has more than 500 million active users, is beginning to show a negative effect on some users.

Social networking sites are said to have a detriment on moods and can easily cause more distress than happiness.

"Misery Has More Company Than People Think," is the title of an essay in the January issue of the Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin. It combines several studies on how college students evaluate moods, both their own and those of their

peers. The researchers found their subjects consistently underestimated how dejected others were.

People said they often felt put on display as to "how great their lives are," whether it was the truth or not. People most often discussed the cars they drive, their relationship status, and even the vacations that they go on.

With so much social pressure, some people said they felt like their life was lacking and wanted to have a "perfect life" like some of their Facebook friends project to have.

Many users of social networking sites put the positive things in their life on display, while they often stray away from the negatives. In general, a Facebook profile can never tell the whole story of someone's life, so people should not take the information posted so personally.

In order to stray away from getting "Facebook envy," just remember that the reality of one's life may not be as glamorous as they portray it to be on their profile posts.

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RED BULL

drinks give an extra push to get it all done.

One may ask what exactly is in an energy drink that will give someone such a powerful boost. Well, here is a breakdown of some key ingredients found in the very popular drinks:

- **CAFFEINE**- In an average energy drink there are 80-141 mg of caffeine. The average can of soda has only 40mg of caffeine. Obviously, there is a huge difference between the two.

- **TAURINE**- This ingredient occurs naturally within the body and helps to build protein. If too

many energy drinks are consumed, then the body becomes confused and may not produce protein as it should.

- **GLUCURONOLACTONE**- This ingredient, a metabolite and carbohydrate that is formed when glucose breaks down, is also produced naturally by the body. It is claimed to give the body an "instant energy boost."

- **COCAINE**- There has been a significant controversy about whether or not Red Bull uses minute amounts of coca leaves (the leaf made to use the narcotic cocaine) in its drinks.

To help us better understand the pros and cons of consuming energy drinks, let's take a look at some their effects:

CONS

- One major problem with power drinks is that for many they provide, a "boom and bust high." While the drink is working, many feel they can accomplish a lot, but once the effects of the drink wears out, many feel a huge let down.

- Heart palpitations have been reported due the high doses of caffeine within the drinks.

- It is claimed that energy drinks can become addictive thus leading to frequent over consumption.

PROS

- There are many reportedly healthy herbal extracts within energy drinks. Ginseng, ginkgo biloba, and B vitamins are present

in many power drinks.

- They do provide a boost of energy for those up late cramming for exams and writing papers.

- Some believe that these drinks increase brain activity, physical stamina, and performance.

The energy drink market is a \$3 billion dollar industry. These drinks are being consumed by many people, but appeal more specifically to those who need to stretch their limited time, such as college students. As do many things, if used in moderation, the energy drinks can be great while "riding the energy wave." However, we all need to realize that at some point that energy wave eventually crashes.

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RAD

worthwhile, yet this is simply a myth. The same class, is offered nationwide at an average of \$20 per person and is free at PNC only thanks to the benevolence of the campus police department.

The course, given in three consecutive Wednesdays, concludes with a fourth night dedicated to simulation. For the first time in years, PNC is able to offer this simulation thanks to an officer on staff who is able and willing to put on a red suit (made with strategically placed pads) in order to give the women in the class a realistic scenario in which to practice their newly learned skills.

Previous graduates of the course will be invited to partake in the simulation on scheduled nights, which are yet to be announced. However, said graduates may still enroll in the March class and go through simulation at that time. Enroll online <http://www.pnc.edu/pd/rad.html> before the class fills up!

News broadcast to begin at PNC

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

The Voice has decided to partner with Tom Albano and his communication interns to bring a news broadcast to PNC. Panther News Network (PNN) is set to air its first podcast the week of Mar. 21st. Reminiscent to the live broadcasts Albano and his team post for home games on the athletics website, PNN will go further covering the news

and happenings around campus along with sports updates.

PNN is confirmed to be a weekly podcast. Each week there will be approximately 15 minutes worth of news featuring anchors Sean Fitman, Stephanie Duff, Jessica Schroeder, Veryl Wilcox. Stayed tuned by checking out The Voice website for new details as they emerge at www.ThePNCVoice.com.



Previous broadcast anchors, Lindsay Gernenz and Sean Fitman, calling a home game for the men's basketball team.

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Visiting Team for Accreditation Visit is Named

By Linda Duttlinger
PNC Director of Accreditation and Assessment

The Higher Learning Commission has named the Visiting Team for Purdue North Central to evaluate the accreditation process. The six member team will hold a routine comprehensive visit beginning on April 18, along with open meetings for various groups, including students. A final approved schedule will be made public once it is available. Any requests for contacts with this panel should be made through the Chancellor's office.

The Higher Learning Commission is the regional accrediting body for the 19 state region in the center of the country and more than 1,000 colleges and universities are members. Regional accreditation is necessary so students may more easily transfer credit between schools, seek entrance to graduate education and receive federal financial aid. This level of accreditation also is an indication of progress toward institutional goals, quality improvement and professional development. PNC has been fully accredited by this body since 1971. The last comprehensive visit was held in April, 2001.

The following is a list of each of the team members, along with

credentials, affiliation and their academic biography:

- Dr. Leslie D. Crall (Team Chair), Associate Dean for School of Business and Technology at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla., has been at his campus since 1984. He is a full-time professor, with an MBA and a JD, and teaches classes in Business Law, Commercial Law, Real Estate and Cost Accounting. His accreditation expertise is in assessment of student learning, student affairs and athletics. His campus has slightly more than 5,000 students and offers the doctorate in Pharmacy, 15 master's degrees, 54 bachelor's degrees and 2 associate degrees.

- Dr. Georgia Jo Christensen, FSPA, Dean of the School of Graduate, Professional and Adult Education for Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wis., has been on her campus since 2000 and for seven years, served as the Director of Institutional Research. Sister Georgia Christensen started her own academic work at Viterbo when she received her BA in Mathematics on that campus. Her M.Ed and PhD are in Educational Administration. Her accreditation experience is in adult degree completion, faculty evaluation and

development and enrollment management and retention. Viterbo University is a private, Catholic institution with more than 3,200 students. It offers 30 undergraduate majors and four graduate programs including a MS in Nursing and an MBA.

- Dr. Narbeth Emmanuel, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs for Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Ill. has been on his campus since 1996. He has all his degree work from Bowling Green State University. His B.S. and M.Ed. are in Health and Physical Education and his Ph.D. is in Educational Administration and Supervision. His accreditation experience is in athletics, planning, first year experience and international programs. He recently helped his campus plan, build and begin using a student success center building. He has served on 12 previous Visiting Teams including part of a U.S. delegation of Educators to the Republic of China. SIU - Edwardsville has 14,000 students and offers several professional degrees, 47 master's degrees and 44 bachelor's degrees.

- Dr. Thomas Krepel, President for

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The Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series present "The Tillman Story"

By Nick Phillips
Contributor

Have you ever wondered about how you would be remembered? Have you looked at your life at any point and asked yourself the question, "Am I doing enough?" Pat Tillman asked himself these questions every day.

Pat Tillman was born in Fremont, CA. He was the oldest of three sons, and always acted as a leader to his younger siblings. As he grew, he discovered a latent talent that was hidden within him. Tillman was a natural born sportsman, especially when it came to football. After leading his high school to the divisional championships, he secured a football scholarship to the Arizona State University.

Tillman wasn't your average football player by any means. Even though he got into ASU on a scholarship, he maintained a 3.8 grade point average and graduated with a degree in marketing after three and a half years. He was recruited by the Arizona Cardinals and started in most of the games in his rookie year. At this point in his story, his future was brighter and more promising than most at his age. To him, though, something didn't feel right.

Tillman was part of a long line of military men, and had often questioned his contributions to the United States. When the attacks of Sep-

tember 11 occurred, he had decided in his heart to serve his country as his ancestors before him had. Eight months after the attacks he enlisted in the Army along with his brother and a close friend. Tillman was leaving a life of luxury and a wife behind. He was deployed to Iraq shortly after.

The young man wasn't satisfied after his first deployment in Iraq, and when he was given an opportunity to leave the service early and continue playing football, he turned it down. He had decided to complete his three years of service and was deployed to Afghanistan. Sadly, his life would end shortly after.

"The Tillman Story" is not only the biography of a man who pursued honor and glory over fame and fortune, but a story about the cause of Pat Tillman's death and the surrounding controversy.

Hear testimonial from Tillman's family, friends and other important figures in his life about how the tragedy of his passing affected them as well as how the truth about his death was revealed.

The documentary explores the life and death of a man whose only wish was to serve his country as best he could. The Odyssey played this movie free of charge in LSF 02 on Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. The upcoming movie for March is scheduled to be "Nowhere Boy."

SGA Elections on the Way!

The Student Government Association is beginning to accept applications for representatives in the new school year. Of the applicants, ten students will be elected by a vote of the PNC student body. Once the ten have been selected, that chosen group will decide who will serve as officers. Thus, it is imperative that PNC students vote in the ten students they would like to represent them.

The deadline to turn in applications is set for March 18, after which voting will commence on the 23. The SGA plans on having short biographies of each applicant posted online for voting students to scour, and an open forum for applicants to debate is in the works. All interested in serving as an SGA representative needs to turn applications in to Director of Student Activities, Keri Marrs Barron.

The Voice's New Online Universe

Early February, The Voice's new website went live. Easier to navigate and more organized, the student body now has access to a plethora of knowledge ranging from updates of happenings on campus to reviews of local establishments. Even better is the simple fact that the website is now managed weekly. Every Friday evening, new articles and updates will be posted. Also, every Monday our "campus announcements" section will have uploads for all the happenings at PNC.

Bimonthly, there will be a new poll out for all visitors to submit their thoughts and opinions. Let us in on what's on your mind by commenting on any story you find of interest. Even if it pisses you off to no end, we would like to know. In fact, you just may be granted a spot in the print edition!! Log on today and check us out!!

In Case You Weren't There: The World History of March

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

March 1, 1982, The New York Times raised the price of its issues from 25 cents to 30 cents. I find more money on the ground at the toll plaza on my way to school. In fact, just the other day I picked up a quarter that was dated before 1982. I wonder if that quarter feels like its worth less than it used to be.

In 1875, also on March 1, Congress passed the first Civil Rights Act. The Act guaranteed that everyone, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, was entitled to the same treatment in "public accommodations" (i.e. inns, public conveyances on land or water, theaters, and other places of public amusement). It was later invalidated by Supreme Court in 1883. The Court's reason? The act was deemed unconstitutional on the basis that Congress had no power to regulate the conduct of individuals.

In March 1985, the Pentagon accepted the theory that atomic war would cause a nuclear winter. That must be what all the U.S. nuclear tests (performed at the Nevada test site) were for on March 5 and 6

1962, March 3 '65, March 4 '66, March 2 and 3 1967, March 20 '68, March 23rd in '70, '73, '78, March 8 '80...there are countless more, but I think you get the idea. The tests did not stop after the 1985 decision, either. In fact, by 1970, the U.S. had documented 500 nuclear explosions since 1945.

So, exactly how many nuclear explosions equal the Pentagon's idea of a nuclear war?

On March 26, 1937, spinach growers in Crystal City, Texas, erected a statue of Popeye the Sailor Man due to the importance of the vegetable in the local economy. It is said that Pop-

eye's use of spinach for strength greatly increased the demand for spinach.

Also on March 26 in 1910, the U.S. forbade immigration to criminals, anarchists, paupers, and the sick. The inscription of "Give me your tired, your poor... / The wretched refuse of your teeming

"In 1875, also on March 1, Congress passed the first Civil Rights Act...It was later invalidated by Supreme Court in 1883."

shore," was scratched off of the Statue of Liberty.

On March 22, 1935, New York authorized the use of blood tests as evidence in court cases. Before that time, evidence was mostly eye-witness testimony (she's a witch!).



Four U.S. Marines in South Carolina were recruiting local kids, some as young as 13, into the Crips street gang. (CBS/Richland Co. Sheriff)

Gang activity a covert problem in the US Military

By Nichole Murphy
Contributor

Gang activity is a frequent topic of news headlines. But what's not often reported is gang activity within the different branches of the U.S. Military.

Although not often discussed, gang activity remains a problem that plagues both U.S. city streets as well as the barracks that house the men and women who provide U.S. security. The latest statistics report gang related activities are increasing among military troops.

But the concrete numbers used as evidence pointing to this problem are hazy since the number of incidents relating to gang activity remains difficult to report accurately because the U.S. Military is not required to report cases and many individuals do not file complaints for fear of retribution.

Gang members in the armed forces cause various problems, from disrupting order and drug trafficking throughout the military to increased criminal activity against others. The result is a fearful factor that puts the U.S. and the people of our nation at risk.

And if military officials are forced to deal with reprimanding "gang soldiers" within the ranks, it distracts time and energy which should be devoted to the primary task of protecting U.S. citizens.

Research indicates gang members find the U.S. Military an attractive alternative to life on the streets, with many looking for a way to escape their current situations. But for some gang members, leaving behind the "gang lifestyle" does not always come easy, since for many, a gang is the only "family unit" they have ever known.

While some gang members enter the military for the sole purpose to be trained in combat, infantry and to gain access to weapons for patriotic reasons, others only want to be trained in these same areas to become more proficient at killing and subduing other rival gangs.

Even worse is that some gang members are not only using this knowledge against rival gangs, but also they are using this same knowledge against the agencies that protect city streets and try to keep others safe.

In some cases, U.S. Military recruiters may even be aware they are admitting those who might former have had a gang affiliation.

In a recent interview with a current Marine Corp soldier, Robert Miller, he admitted he was aware of gangs in his infantry division.

"Yes, I know of some guys were in gangs, but they wanted out," Miller said.

"And the military is a way to do it."

But Miller said he never felt his safety was comprised by sharing his ranks with others who were once part of gangs.

"When you are in the military and doing tours in Iraq where your life is at stake, everyone is your brother and you fight for your country," he said.

"The people who are in the military are brothers regardless if they were ever in a gang or not."

PNC's Spring Career Day

By Katelain Leslie
Staff Writer

Looking for a summer job, internship or something more permanent? PNC is hosting a Career Day on March 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in LSF 144.

This event is being hosted by the Office of Career Development. This office provides career and job search services to Purdue students and alumni. As a bridge from college life to the world of work, it is their mission to support the exploration of career and academic options, the development of job search skills and to facilitate connections between employers and students that lead to successful outcomes and

satisfying futures.

Career Day is open to the public. The Office of Career Development encourages you to pre-register before coming to the event. Job seekers who do not pre-register will need to show up the day of the event no later than 9:30 a.m.

The benefits of attending a job fair are that it increases chances of receiving an interview, provides an opportunity to investigate occupations and companies, and is a great opportunity to receive job search advice from industry professionals.

The opportunities at the PNC Career Day are endless! This is a place for students to search for full-time employ-

ment, part-time employment, an internship, seasonal employment, and even volunteer opportunities. More than 25 employers are expected to attend this event. Participants are encouraged to wear professional dress and should bring multiple copies of their resume.

The Office of Career Development is anticipating a large number of attendees at this event, so make sure you pre-register! For a list of participating employers and to pre-register log onto: <http://www.pnc.edu/careers/>. If you have any questions about the event, please contact the Office of Career Development at 219-785-5498 or send an e-mail to careers@pnc.edu.



National Peanut Month

The month of March has a lot of obscure observances

Adopt a Rescued Guinea Pig Month
American Red Cross Month
Employee Spirit Month
International Expect Success Month
International Mirth Month
National Athletic Training Month
National Caffeine Awareness Month
National Eye Donor Month
National March Into Literacy Month
National Women's History Month
Spiritual Wellness Month

Blackmetallers Immortal and Absu Combine Forces for a Legendary Performance

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

Tuesday, Feb. 22, was to be a day of great anticipation for U.S. black-metal fans: the Norwegian legend Immortal would take the stage for the first time in Chicago. Many Americans lost hope of ever seeing the band after their break-up in 2003. In 2006, hopes were rekindled when Immortal announced their reformation, but an announcement of U.S. tour dates did not seem forthcoming. The group did play some isolated shows in New York City and California, but everyone in between grew impatient. Finally, the announcement of a Chicago performance supporting Immortal's most recent album,

"All Shall Fall," was made. Aside from the buzz caused simply by the chance to see Immortal, the lineup was to consist only of Immortal and another classic blackmetal group, Absu. No opening bands, no confusing mismatched genres, just a night of classic blackmetal. Needless to say, this was one of the most anticipated shows in Chicago's metal history, and it certainly delivered. Absu took the stage at 9 o'clock. The drummer provides not only drums but also vocals on the studio albums, so it was questionable how they would circumvent this problem in their live show. The "problem" was easy enough for Absu to solve: the drummer handled

drums and vocals on stage. For those unfamiliar with metal, singing while drumming for a blackmetal band would be similar to singing while running a marathon and lifting weights at the same time. A staple of blackmetal drumming involves a technique known as a "blastbeat" which requires constant, lightning speed movement of all four limbs. To sing at the same time is no small feat, and the success of the singer/drummer added to their already energetic stage presence. Absu plowed through their set with almost no breaks between songs. They played a good mix of new and old songs, satisfying fans of either era of Absu's discography. The crowd was more than ready for Immortal.

The room began to fill with fog a few minutes before Immortal's scheduled start time. Then, the lights went down; the quintessential sign that the headliner will soon make a grand appearance. At this point the room had become so filled with fog that it was difficult to see. This added to the atmosphere of cold and darkness that is the basis for so many of Immortal's song lyrics. Blackmetal's reputation has become tainted with ties to Satanism, church burnings, and racism. Immortal has tried to distance themselves from these stereotypes. Immortal's stage presence was incredible. Some bands that reach the status of "legendary," even within the

confines of underground metal, scoff at the importance of an energetic live show. They rely on their massive reputation and expect fans to have a good time no matter what. Fortunately, the ego of the guys in Immortal is not quite that big. The front man was more than willing to run about the stage and pose for pictures. Overall, Immortal lived up to their reputation and played an amazing set lasting over an hour and a half and containing songs from their entire discography. Considering the infrequency of their American tours, it is doubtful that we will ever be blessed with a second Chicago show. If it does happen, I recommend everyone purchase tickets as soon as possible...after I buy mine.



Winner of The Voice Photo Contest:
Flavia Lee Cheng

This photo was taken on the PNC Peru trip. To check it out in its full quality in color, log on to www.ThePNCVoice@pnc.edu

FROM PAGE 2 like guided trail rides, educational and occupational seminars, and picnics. Bimonthly meetings will be held and members will be expected to attend at least one meeting each month; officers will be expected to attend every scheduled meeting.

The club will also give back to the community by requiring each member to complete at least ten hours of community service at Reins of Life, Inc. in Michigan City, Indiana. Reins of Life is a local non-profit therapeutic riding center that provides equine assisted activities for children and adults with disabilities. Volunteers

are needed for lessons, tack and equipment cleaning, exercising horses, feeding horses, pasture and stall cleaning, building and grounds maintenance, and help with special events. Contact Club President Lisa Rosenkranz at lrosenkr@pnc.edu for more information.

Lucrezia Café and Restaurant: Affordable Fine Dining in an Unlikely Setting

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

Lucrezia may seem out of place nestled in residential Chesterton on the corner of Calumet and Porter Ave. For those seeking a quality fine dining experience close to home, however, they offer Chesterton locals an experience few could forget. I have been to Lucrezia dozens of times. It is one of the best restaurants I have had the pleasure of dining in. Some may say that makes me biased, but I disagree. The reason I have been there so many times is simple: the food, service, and prices are incredible. My meal usually starts out with an order of the mussels in white wine butter sauce. Mussels can be easily overcooked. Once they overheat, they become tough and chewy. The mussels at Lucrezia have always been soft and delicious, and the leftover sauce begs to be sopped up with a whole loaf of the complementary, heart Italian table bread. Sometimes I trade the mussels for a bowl of the soup of the day. The soup is always amazing, and sometimes it sounds tantalizing enough to replace my beloved mussels. Sometimes I have both. Appetizers stay around the seven to nine dollar range, and are usually enough to satisfy two diners. A bowl of soup runs about four dollars, and it is more than worth it, especially in large chain restaurants where soup is often

more broth than anything. This is not the case at Lucrezia. Other appetizers include seared scallops with roasted garlic mayonnaise, grilled shrimp with lemon dill cream on a bed of red cabbage, and a white pizza topped with olive oil, garlic, spinach, tomato, mozzarella and parmesan; all of which I have tried and stamped with approval. At this point, I feel it is safe to say that one cannot go wrong when it comes to Lucrezia's entrees. I have never received a meal that was not extremely flavorful and cooked to perfection. The portions are generous, too. Few meals have ended without having to ask for a box. If you are a fish lover, I excitedly recommend the Alaskan salmon with a browned butter & fresh sage sauce. My salmon was tender and moist, and it is hard to believe how much flavor can be packed into the sauce. For poultry enthusiasts, Lucrezia offers a whole breast stuffed with four cheeses, browned to crispy deliciousness, and set over a bed of brandy cream. The seared duck breast with sun-dried cherry and marsala sauce is also amazing. I was hesitant to try the duck because I am not a fan of cherries, but my trust in Lucrezia overpowered my personal aversion, and I am glad it did. Rarely have I had such a tender, juicy piece of poultry. I have a lifelong love affair with

Meet Your Athlete:

Point guard/shooting guard Nick Neal

By Katelain Leslie
Staff Writer

Name: Nick Neal

Major: Psychology/Liberal Studies

Life Motto: "Tough times don't last, tough people do! Only the strong will be strong."

Nick Neal is a junior point guard/shooting guard for the men's basketball team here at PNC. He is originally from Detroit, Mich. and attended Detroit Southeastern High School.

Before attending PNC, Nick played basketball in the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) for several different teams. "AAU basketball was a lot of fun and a great experience. I got to travel to many countries and states because of AAU. It was fun to play with

guys that were as talented as you or even better, and play with your friends that attended different high schools," he said.

With a team record of 5-25, Nick commented on the season, "This season was a long and hard fought season. We started off with thirteen guys and ended with eight due to injuries and one to grades. We lost a lot of close games and we're a much better team than our record indicated. It was frustrating to see us lose as many games as we did." Nick was lucky to make it through the season with no serious injuries.

Nick isn't your average college student off the court. In his spare time, he gets rested up for the next game and ices his body quite often. He claims, "Off the court I'm just a humble and

normal young man [who] tries to keep up with my studies, and works on my basketball game during the off season. As humble as I am daily, I try to remind myself I'm a college athlete, so I can't do some of the things regular college students do. I can't stay up all night partying nor go out to clubs every weekend. I have priorities!"

Nick really enjoys attending PNC as both a student and an athlete. He respects the teachers and advisors here on campus. Nick feels PNC is a great place to get an education as well as a "Purdue University" degree, which goes a long way in the world. He thinks it is great that there is always help available in every subject for whoever needs it.

"I just want to thank The Voice staff for giving me this wonderful opportu-

nity to talk about myself as well as the basketball team. It has been a blessing from God to be a college student/athlete. I have been through a lot of adversity in my life, but somehow I have managed to stay strong and become a better man. I believe I get that trait from my mother who is a strong lady. I can't explain in words what type of mother she has been to me. She always reminds me every day that she's my biggest fan, as well as my Dad," he said.



Nick Neal in action.

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Chicago Bulls continuing exciting 2010-2011 Season

By Katelain Leslie
Staff Writer

The Chicago Bulls are having an outstanding 2010-2011 season keeping fans on the edge of their seats.

With a record of 38-16, the Bulls are currently one of the top teams to beat in the NBA.

Bulls center Joakim Noah has missed the last 30 games due to a thumb injury, but the team surprisingly continues to still play well without him.

Noah finally returned to the court for Thursday's Feb. 24 game against the Miami Heat.

Chicago Bulls General Manager Gar Forman said Noah's surgery went well and his thumb is in "terrific shape."

The Bulls went into the All-Star break with

an impressive 109-99 win over the San Antonio Spurs.

Fans are anticipating The Bulls will be back to complete strength during March with the return of Noah.

The night of the win over the Spurs, Derrick Rose took the microphone and thanked the fans for making him the Chicago Bulls' first All-Star starter since Michael Jordan in 1998. After Rose's speech, he went out on the court and showed Chicago why he deserved his starting spot on the All-Star team. Rose had a career-high 42 points, as the crowd chanted, "MVP! MVP!."

Rose is the projected candidate to win the MVP award this season.

"We have a lot of confidence right now, knowing we can beat some of the best teams in the NBA," Rose said.

"We just have to keep it going."

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KATHRYN

tubes and wires. She became extremely protective and their bond became stronger than ever. Kathryn is lost without her and is so excited that Daisy might get to come home today."

For two years now, Kathryn no longer needs the breathing aids. "It's such a blessing to be able to hear her talk and sing and be a normal teenager again," says Kari. Kari is a single mother and full-time business major who runs an insurance agency. Before Daisy's surgery, Kari's life was hectic enough. Now she will not only have to keep up with the constant battle of caring for and providing medication for Kathryn, but she will also have to commit her time to Daisy as well.

Kari, Kathryn and Daisy have a long road ahead of them. Both IVDD and Lupus are incurable, but with medication and lifestyle changes they can be controlled. Before 2007, Kathryn was an active softball player, but living with Lupus has changed everything. Lupus affects 1.5 million Americans and 5,000 to 10,000 are diagnosed before the age of eighteen, while one out of every three dachshunds will develop IVDD in their lifetime.

Donations can be made to help pay for Daisy's medical bills at <http://daisy.bbnw.org>.

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pasta. The number of pastas I have not tried is quite small. My personal favorites are the rigatoni with smoked chicken, portobello mushrooms, sundried tomato, garlic and olive oil, and the Linguini Pescatore with Calamari, mussels & scallops, sautéed in olive oil & garlic or marinara sauce. Pastas are very moderately priced, ranging from \$12 to \$16.

I have to admit that I have only tried one dessert at Lucrezia. That is because the Tiramisu is so delightful that I never tire of it. I have a piece waiting for me in the refrigerator as I write this. I am absolutely positive the rest of the options are wonderful, but why shy away from perfection? Desserts range from \$3.50 to \$7.50.

There are too many good things to say about this place, and I have not even mentioned their extensive (and delicious) wine list, full bar, hearty salads, and wide array of specialty and dessert coffees. One thing that cannot go without mention

is the quality of service. The servers are knowledgeable and friendly and seem to have a sixth sense for empty bread baskets.

I have heard complaints that Lucrezia is too expensive. For the quality of from-scratch food, Lucrezia's prices are unbeatable. To get such a great meal elsewhere, I have paid easily twice as much. A dinner for two including appetizer, drinks, entrées, and dessert costs me around \$60 dollars every time, and I take some home. If you don't mind larger chains over- or undercooking their tasteless, over salted food, then Lucrezia's might be too expensive. If you truly love great food, give Lucrezia a shot. It is well worth the price.

I love trying new restaurants. Food is a passion of mine, and the experience of discovering a new, great eatery is truly exciting to me. Lucrezia has stopped me from trying new restaurants on many, many occasions. I'll search for a new place to try, and then think to myself, Lucrezia is so close and so, so good. Give it a try; if you do not like it, bring me your leftovers.

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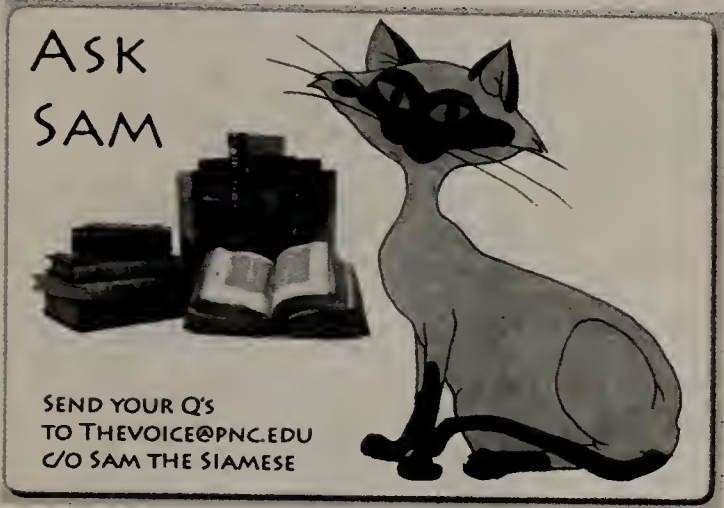
Fairmont State University in Fairmont, West Virginia, began in his current position in 2009. He has a M.Ed. and Ph.D. in Educational Administration and a B.S.E. in Secondary Education. All of his degree work was done at the University of Nebraska. His accreditation experience is in governance, community services and engagement. His campus is home to both Fairmont State University and to Pierpont Community and Technical College. Fairmont has 4,600 students and offers over 90 baccalaureate degrees and graduate programs in business, criminal justice, education and human services. Pierpont offers the associate degrees, skill sets and certificates.

• Dr. Brenda Mitchell, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs for University of Arkansas Fort Smith in Fort Smith, Ark., joined her campus in 2002 and has had experience owning her own medical/legal consulting-services company. She has both a Masters of Nursing and a DSN in Nursing. Her accreditation expertise is in Academic Affairs. University of Arkansas – Fort

Smith is a campus with 7,700 students majoring in, primarily, education, health and business programs. Air Force ROTC is offered nearby and Army ROTC is offered on campus.

• Dr. David Underwood, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs for Arkansas Technical University in Russellville, Ark., is a specialist for the HLC in Change Chapters. Since PNC is requesting two changes in status with the HLC he was a natural choice to join the Visiting Team. Dr. Underwood has been on his campus since 2000. His BA is in Sociology and his MA Ed and MPS are in Counseling. All of this work was done at Western Kentucky University. His PhD is in Educational Psychology and was earned at IU. His campus offers over 100 programs in a wide variety of bachelor's degrees and six master's degrees. There are 9,800 students on the campus.

• Anyone with questions or concerns about this visit or the Team itself should contact Dr. Linda Duttlinger, Director of Accreditation and Assessment, at X5217.



Dear Sam,
I come from a really dysfunctional family to say the least. When I was a child, I had issues with an older cousin treating me in ways that a little boy should never be treated. I finally decided to come out and tell my family about how my cousin was treating me, and was called a liar. My father even accused me of being a

homosexual and wondered if there was something "wrong" with me.
Needless to say, nothing was done about my cousin. He was continually allowed to be in our home. This led to my eventual dropping out of school as it was hard to concentrate and focus on schoolwork when my mind was plagued by the constant fear of my cousin showing up unannounced. To this day, I have a lot of anger towards my family and find it hard to maintain a normal relationship with any one of them. They think I should just forget about the past and "move on."
My problem is this: I have not talked to my brother in over a year and I have some personal issues with him as well. His daughter's birthday is right around the corner and some members of my family are trying to give me a guilt trip about not being in my niece's life. When I was suffering from the abuse of our cousin, my brother didn't seem too concerned, so why should I concern myself with his kid? Am I an asshole for being this way?
The Black Sheep
Dear Black Sheep,
No you're not an asshole. When humans reproduce they think it entitles them to an elite set of privileges. Parents can plan birthdays and bar mitzvahs and expect every family member to be in attendance, which translates into telling people what to do. Aunts, uncles, and third-cousins now have an obligation to spend time with the child, bond with it, and help raise it. This gives the parents an illusion of power.
If you do not already have a relationship with your brother, it's a little presumptuous to expect you to be in your niece's life. There is obviously a lot of bad blood here and using your

niece as leverage to get you to conform to their demands is not a good idea. If there is friction between her uncle and father, she'll pick up on it and this could cause her great confusion.
Before you show up at a family function, especially if small children are present, consider going to a group therapy session well in advance. Pressuring you to attend your niece's birthday will only result in Jerry Springer-like footage for the Family Video Collection. If your family isn't willing to try group therapy, I would suggest changing your phone number, address, and maybe even your name.

Sam the Siamese

Sam is waiting to hear from YOU! Send your issues to Sam c/o TheVoice@pnc.edu

Joke of the Month

Little Johnny goes to school, and the teacher says, "Today we are going to learn multi-syllable words, class. Does anybody have an example of a multi-syllable word?"
Little Johnny waves his hand: "Me, Mrs. Potts, me, me!"
Mrs. Potts: "All right, little Johnny, what is your multi-syllable word?"
Little Johnny: "Mas-tur-bate."
Miss Rogers smiles: "Wow, little Johnny, that's a mouthful."
Little Johnny: "No, Miss Rogers, you're thinking of a blowjob."

Spring Cleaning: An Archaic Tradition

By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

Spring Cleaning is a term most of us have heard our entire lives. The most common usage of spring cleaning refers to the yearly act of cleaning a house from top to bottom which would take place in the first warm days of the year, typically in the spring. However, it has also become synonymous with any kind of heavy duty cleaning or organizing enterprise. A person who gets their affairs in order before an audit or inspection could be said to be doing some spring cleaning.
The tradition of spring cleaning is believed to date back to the ancient Jewish practice of cleaning the home before the Passover holiday. In Greece, and other Orthodox nations, it is traditional to clean the house thoroughly either right before or during the first week of Great Lent, which is referred to as Clean Week.

This also often corresponds with the Julian New Year, or April 1.
In North America and northern Europe, the custom found a practical value due to the regions' wet climates. During the 19th century in America, prior to the advent of the vacuum cleaner, March was often the best time for dusting because it was getting warm enough to open windows and doors (but not warm enough for insects to be a problem), and the high winds could carry the dust out of the house. For the same reason, modern rural households often use the month of March for cleaning projects involving the use of chemical products which generate fumes.
Even with vacuums, Swiffer products and microfiber, people are still compelled to clean once warm weather sets in. There's something about opening the windows and letting in the fresh air that motivates people to clean out their houses.

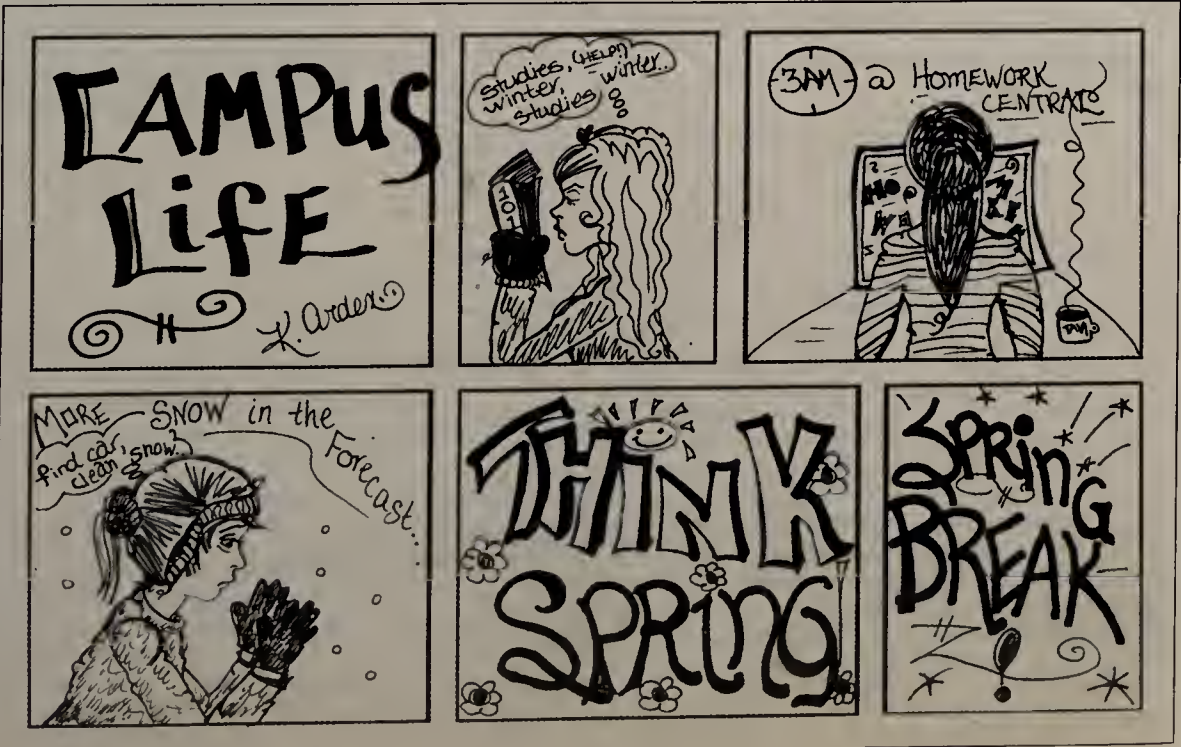
The problem with "spring cleaning" is that people tend to take on too large of a task all at once and it lays the groundwork for bad habits. Looking at housework as a once-in-a-while project leads to procrastination. Then, once chores are finally tackled, there isn't always enough time to finish, leaving one to try and complete a week long project in a few short days. This can lead to exhaustion and physical injury.
It's better to stay on top of your housework and keep things organized by doing little "spring cleanings" once a month. This will help you keep your home clean and safe all the time. If you keep your home springtime fresh all year, you can spend the first warm days of the season doing something enjoyable outdoors rather than devoting them to cleaning up six months of procrastinated housework.

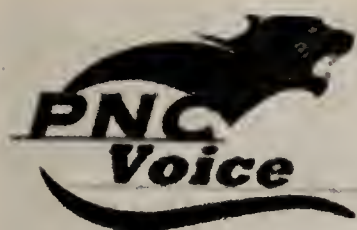
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Nuclear Power in our Backyard

By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

With the ongoing disaster at Japan's Fukushima plant, the big question now is: should we put the brakes on nuclear power plants? Some people believe that what's happening in Japan is proof that nuclear power will destroy the planet and all life on it. Other people believe this is just a part of the learning curve and we should continue with business as usual, that we should persist to build nuclear power plants because they're "better for the environment." But how does nuclear power affect citizens in Northwest Indiana? Could a Fukushima happen in our own backyard?

President Obama's home state of Illinois is not only the most nuclear state in America but it's also our neighbor to the West, which is the direction the wind normally blows. Illinois receives half of its power from 11 nuclear plants owned by the Exelon Corp. The company donated at least \$71,000 in campaign money to

President Obama during his four year senate career. It's not surprising that Obama's 2012 budget calls for \$36 billion dollars in U.S. loan guarantees for new nuclear power plants.

that no one knows what to do with and the inherent danger nuclear energy presents to the communities where these power stations are located.

Approximately 35 miles from Purdue North Central in Bridgman Michigan, the Donald C. Cook generating station is home to over 800 tons of radioactive waste and sits on the shores of Lake



Cook Nuclear Plant on Lake Michigan.
PHOTO PROVIDED BY WSBT.COM.

The politicians and the big energy companies try to sell nuclear power off as a safe alternative to burning fossil fuels. Nuclear power proponents love to tell you that nukes produce absolutely no greenhouse gases. But they forget to tell you about the trillions of tons of nuclear waste

Michigan. At full operational capacity, the plant draws approximately 6300 cubic meters of lake water each minute into its once-through cooling system, heats it up, then dumps it back into the lake 10 minutes later. It kills zooplankton which as insignificant as they may seem, are part of the food

chain. In the 1970's and 1980's there was a dramatic reduction in alewife, a species of herring. Concurrent with this was an increase in perch.

Ironically in April of 2003 both reactor units at the Cook plant had to be shut down because an intrusion of alewives had breached the "traveling water screen" and entered the plant's circulating water system.

But the Cook plant isn't the only nuclear power center on Lake Michigan. In South Haven, Mich. the Palisades Nuclear Generating Station is home to 372 tons of radioactive waste and uses lake water for its cooling system. In Wisconsin, the Point Beach Nuclear Plant has over 580 tons of high level radioactive waste on site and also uses the waters of Lake Michigan, as does the Kewaunee Nuclear Generating Station, also in Wisconsin. In total there are four nuclear power plants on Lake Michigan with over 1700 tons of high-level waste.

Is our region immune to earthquakes? Not at all. Officials tell

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Free Zumba Classes at PNC

By Rachel Skenandore
Staff Writer

A Zumba class has begun on campus thanks to PNC psychology major, Alex Bosman. Bosman began her Zumba life after purchasing the DVD's. One year passed before she joined the closest local class she could find, attending for two straight years. This past year, being her fourth year practicing, saw Bosman teaching Zumba at Adrenaline Fitness in New Buffalo.

Tuesday, March 15, Bosman instructed her first Zumba class here at PNC. It is a great way of exercising by throwing out a variety of dance moves

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Reasons Behind Obama's Declining Popularity

By Nick Phillips
Contributor

Early in his presidency, President Barack Obama had an approval rating of around 80 percent. His promises to fix the economy, improve healthcare, withdraw troops from Iraq, and send more troops to Afghanistan were lofty, but the majority of U.S. citizens believed he could fulfill them. As time has gone on, however, people have begun to lose faith in our president. Whereas his approval ratings were around 80 percent at the beginning of his term, his ratings have dropped to around 45 percent in recent days.

Detractors have claimed that, due to the continued problems in the economy and rising health care costs, President Obama has not kept the promises he made during his campaign. Some believe the drop in the president's approval ratings are due to the hype of his campaign wearing off. Supporters of the president claim that the loss in popularity is due to misinformation or misrepresentation of facts from a party that lost power back in

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Overdoing Gender, a Provocative Presentation Concerning the Testing of Gendered Behavior

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, March 23, Christabel L. Rogalin presented the findings of her research project entitled "Overdoing Gender: A Test of the Masculine Overcompensation Thesis." She stressed that she did not and could not complete the project alone, and gave thanks to her collaborators, Robb Willer of University of California Berkeley, Bridget Conlon of California State University Fresno, and Michael Wojnowicz of Cornell University.

The Masculine Overcompensation Thesis states that men react to masculine insecurity with extreme

demonstrations of masculinity. These responses are driven by a man's desire to recover masculinity in his own perspective and the perspective of others. These reactions occur when one's masculinity is threatened.

Rogalin's findings show that the most masculine appearing men may in fact feel the most insecure about themselves, and their masculine appearance is really a "show" to recover what they perceive as a loss of manhood. She also found that women do not respond in the same way to these perceived threats, and in many cases, do not respond at all.

Rogalin and her collaborators set up four experiments to test these claims. One such test involved a

group of college students paid for their cooperation. They filled out standard gender surveys and were handed back sealed envelopes they

"The Masculine Overcompensation Thesis states that men react to masculine insecurity with extreme demonstrations of masculinity."

were very feminine or very masculine. They were then asked to fill out several surveys involving their level of support for the Iraq war, their opinions on homophobia and gay

rights, and their interest in purchasing an SUV. Rogalin assured the audience that these opinions have been proven to be directly associated with other masculine traits.

Those who were given the more feminine results (those who had their masculinity threatened) responded with much more support for the Iraq war, much higher levels of homophobia and more extreme, negative attitudes towards gay rights, and higher levels of interest in purchasing an SUV. The women in the

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Calling a Sports Team “The Fighting Sioux” is Insulting

By Jeff Strbjak
Student

As “March Madness” is in full effect in the collegiate basketball world, there is plenty of madness going on over the nickname being used for the team at the University of North Dakota. The Fighting Sioux, as they are called, is causing much controversy in the state, requiring a vote about keeping the name for university purposes.

With the Sioux nickname, would one think of this conflict being in the hands of the Native American peoples in regards to keeping it? The answer to this question is quite simple because in a country that looks upon Natives as outcasts, legislators from North Dakota’s state senate are getting involved.

Nicknaming a university team after a part of their own state culture is a symbol of what the university embodies. The University of North Dakota chose the Standing Rock Sioux as their mascot because the tribe has members living all across the state.

The senate vote was in favor of allowing the nickname to be kept untouched by the university granting the government no control of such matters. The NCAA is thus ultimately in charge of judging whether the mascot is offensive to the Natives and should be changed. In further news, the university is facing problems with joining the NCAA Division I standards and will face disputes in losing their mascot logo on uniforms and being sanctioned from hosting post-season events held by the NCAA.

Ultimately, keeping Native culture is one thing indigenous people have in preserving their name. Using their cultural background as a mascot is something that the Sioux have never endorsed and should be removed from the university. Native peoples have been stepped on for years, and calling out a nickname for sports purposes is basically jeering at their culture.

Native Americans deserve to have a fair shake in any agreement with names and tribes that once and still do reside in these areas. Many years have passed and we still do nothing to preserve these cultures, yet do whatever we can in pushing them out and slowly eliminating what culture they have left.

The sad aspect of these indigenous people lives is that the American society as a whole is more concerned with keeping a mascot rather than insulting the people who have been so affected by our mistreatment of THEIR culture.



PNC: Pretty Nearly College Part II

By Sarah Lasser
Editor

Last month, I wrote an editorial questioning why PNC is often referred to as Pretty Nearly College. Perhaps it is due to the administration accepting students who are not college ready; maybe the fault lies with the instructors lowering their standards for their pupils; then again, it could be because students at PNC display no level of school spirit.

The first piece delved into the PNC common data set to list both graduation and retention rates of past years for our campus. Another facet in this debate should include how PNC measures up to other commuter campuses in the area. Our sister college, Purdue University Calumet (PUC), is comparable statistically. PUC’s common data set listed the 2009 retention rate at 69%, while PNC’s is 58 percent.

In calculating graduation rates, percentages are based on the number of students in attendance that are able to graduate within six years. In calculating for the 2009 data set, the group, or cohort, would be every student who began attending the college in 2003 and after in order to graduate by 2009. The 2003 cohort for PNC was recorded at a lowly 20 percent. However, PUC only saw a .26 percent graduation rate for the same cohort. Not much

of a difference there.

Thus, it begs the question of why PNC is known by many to be, if you will, less of a college. Is it because PUC is a bigger campus with approximately twice the number of students? Perhaps the instructors demand more from their students without the fear of failing those who don’t measure up. Then again, the presence of more students on the PUC campus may be just what’s needed to produce enough school spirit to keep potential scoffers at bay.

Outside of the Purdue family, retention rates at Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) and Indiana University Northwest are 61 percent and 60 percent respectively, falling in line with PNC and PUC. Graduation rates for the 2002 cohort range more closely to PUC with IUSB and IU Northwest both hitting 26%. Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) appears to take lead with a graduation rate of the 2002 cohort reaching 32 percent and a 2009 retention rate of an astounding 92 percent.

With PNC only lagging slightly behind in the numbers, it is baffling as to why our university is looked down upon. One idea suggests that the administration and the

instructors at PNC are lowering their standards, thus causing the public to think less of the educational product. How low can the standards be? The IU Northwest website makes the claim that “in the fall of 2010, only 5.4 percent of the freshman students were from the top tenth of their class, while 48.3 percent were from the bottom half of their high school class.” These students are not Ivy League kids, thus leading to the conclusion that if the blame is to be placed upon the administration and instructors, then the PNC admittance standards may be subpar to the extreme.

The last possibility remains on the table. It is the lack of school spirit one will find to be the norm around PNC. Are students seriously that unhappy with being here? As of this moment, as I sit writing this piece, not one letter or e-mail has been sent to The Voice in protest of my acknowledging that PNC may actually be only Pretty Nearly College. Not one student, faculty, or staff member has decided to voice their opinion in this matter. Ergo, I must conclude that our collective passive indifference is a major driving force in why we are still being referred to as Pretty Nearly College.



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OBAMA

2008. They claim that the Republican Party seeks to regain control of the White House by selling the president short on his accomplishments. The fact remains that only two years into his presidency, the president has lost about 30 percent approval from the people of the United States.

This trend of high popularity early on in the campaign followed by plummeting approval is not new to the Obama presidency.

The three presidents whose approval ratings dropped faster than Obama’s are former presidents Clinton, Reagan, and Carter. It seems that all presidents who make big promises tend to lose popularity a few years into their term. This trend could mean that the current low in the president’s approval rating could be nothing more than a historical trend repeating itself. Only time will tell if the drop in the president’s approval rating was due to real life circumstances and expectations or if the president merely fell victim to a time honored tradition of history repeating itself.

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For the Hungry Beer Enthusiast

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

Passtimes lies somewhat hidden in the back of the Napoleon Center on the corner of Napoleon Street and Lincolnway. Enter the front doors and walk to the very back of the building, or just follow the music.

The inside looks like the average bar with just a bit of an upscale touch. It has a welcoming atmosphere, plenty of seating, and a spacious dining room. It is well lit, and one is not forced to suffer through a barstool for the entire meal.

The first thing that really caught my attention, however, was the beer list. They have an impressive selection of 50 bottled beers. The list is conveniently categorized by taste, so the budding beer enthusiast has a little better idea of what he or she might be sampling.

I had the pleasure of trying the New Holland Poet Oatmeal Stout, one that has been on my "try list" for some time. It was very smooth, very flavorful, but did not feel like a meal in a glass as many heavy stouts tend to. I also had the Goose Island Sofie. It is a Belgian style ale, very light with hints of citrus,

orange, and quite sweet, reminiscent of champagne. I am usually a heavy stout or super bitter IPA kind of guy, but when I want something more mellow, Goose Island does their Belgian ales right.

On to the food. We ordered the Irish nachos and the spinach and artichoke casserole. The Irish nachos were sublime. French fries topped with cheddar cheese, bleu cheese, tomatoes, green onions, and pot roast. Much to my dismay, the others at my table requested the bleu cheese omitted, and I was pleasantly surprised with the result. The flavor was perfect, and I think the pungent bleu cheese may have cluttered the taste. I would be willing to try them again with or without the extra cheese.

The spinach and artichoke dip was also great, served with a generous portion of crackers. The two appetizers were plenty to satisfy four hungry people. Long enough, at least, for our entrees to arrive.

I passed up the delicious sounding sandwich selections in favor of an entree because I was extremely hungry. The entrees come with two sides, and my portion was very hearty. I ordered the creamy pesto chicken pasta, onion

rings, and vegetable of the day. Others at my table received the guacamole burger, the rubeen, and the fish and chips.

There is a reason that I saved the entrees for last. They were most certainly the least wonderful part of our meal. My pasta was pretty bland (my onion rings and vegetables were great, however). The rubeen was skimpy on the meat. The burger looked great, and that is probably what I will order the next time I am there. The fish and chips were very well cooked, crispy and delicious, but nothing out of this world. You also get only four or five pretty small pieces of fish for over 10 dollars. The prices seemed very reasonable when we first arrived, and that is still true for the appetizers, but the entrees were just lacking overall.

If you are looking for a place to go after work or school and have your choice of great beers, Passtimes is your next destination. And they have some fantastic appetizers to munch on if you happen to get hungry. If you are looking for a fantastic meal, though, I might eat somewhere else and then stop by Passtimes for a drink or two.

Odyssey Film Series to show "Waiting for Superman"

By Dave Hunt
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, April 27, PNC will host a screening of the film "Waiting for Superman" in LSF 02. The film will begin at 5 p.m. and lasts 111 minutes. The event is free and open to the public.

The film is directed by Davis Guggenheim, who also directed the documentary of Al Gore's global warming awareness campaign, "An Inconvenient Truth," and has director credits on several hit television series such as 24, ER, Alias, Deadwood, and NYPD Blue.

"Waiting for Superman" strives to bring another issue to the attention of the general public: the fact that the public education system is failing. The film's tagline reads, "The fate of our country won't be decided on a battlefield, it will be determined in a classroom." It is a bold claim, considering the

nation's many and seemingly ever increasing number of military endeavors.

The film seems to be effective, however. It was critically acclaimed, receiving top marks from USA Today and Variety, a 90 score or above from the New York Times, LA Times, and Entertainment Weekly, and an 88 score each from Rolling Stone, Washington Post, and the Chicago Sun Times.

The documentary argues that the inadequacies of children's education lie not with individuals, but with the

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PNC Professor's New Cookbook Shares a Prison Treat for All

A new cookbook by Philip Potempa, a PNC adjunct professor of communication, features recipes from students at both PNC and Purdue Calumet, as well as inmates in the culinary arts program at Westville Correctional Facility, where he teaches public speaking for Purdue's program for offenders.

This is the third cookbook published by Potempa, who is a full-time daily food and entertainment newspaper columnist for The Times of

Northwest Indiana and Illinois and serves as the co-adviser for The Voice.

He said a number of the student recipes featured came from the personal recipes students showcased for their assigned demonstration speech presentations.

Released in May 2010, the book, "Further From the Farm: Family Recipes and Memories of a Lifetime" (2010 Pediment Press \$29.95) is sold at the PNC bookstore, and also features favorite recipes from his celebrated everyday readers, as well as showcasing a selection of heirloom recipes and folksy stories from famous names included in the book, including Mary Tyler Moore, Lily Tomlin, Julia Child, Martha Stewart, Oprah Winfrey, Dolly Parton, Betty White, Karl Malden, Phil Donahue and Bea Arthur.

Some of the recipes have even historical connections, like famed Indiana gangster John Dillinger and his favorite coconut cream pie.

In March 2008, Potempa was in the cast of director Michael Mann's film for Universal Pictures "Public Enemies," starring Johnny Depp as Dillinger, filmed on location in Wisconsin and Crown Point. Potempa, who wore a fedora hat once owned by legendary Hearst Newspapers syndicated gossip columnist Walter Winchell, played a newspaper reporter grilling Depp aka Dillinger with questions following his

arrest and booking at the Crown Point Jail. The film was released in July 2009.

The featured banana cake recipe printed today from the new cookbook came from an inmate in one of the cooking classes of Ron Edwards, the director of the offender culinary arts program for the Westville Correctional Facility, and was served to the inmates during an Purdue honors luncheon at the prison's school.

Behind Bars Banana Cake

Cake:

1/4 cup shortening
1/4 cup butter
1 cup granulated sugar
3/4 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup mashed bananas
1/2 teaspoon banana extract (optional)
3 eggs, beaten
2 1/2 cups flour, sifted
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 cup buttermilk

Frosting:

2 sticks of butter, softened
1 egg
2 cups sifted powdered sugar (1 pound box)

1 teaspoon vanilla

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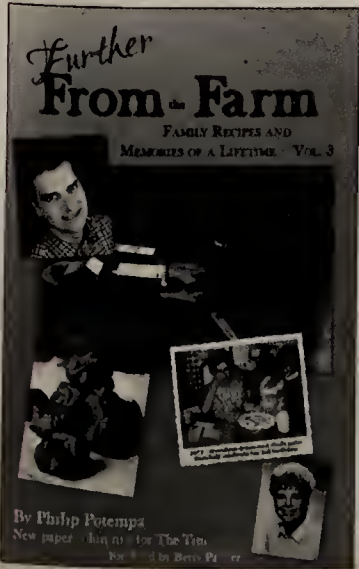
To make cake, cream shortening, butter, sugar and vanilla using an electric mixer on a medium speed, for about 10 minutes. Add bananas (and extract, if desired) and eggs and continue mixing for another 5 minutes.

In a separate bowl, combine flour, salt, baking powder and baking soda. Add dry ingredients, alternately, with buttermilk, using a low mixing speed.

Pour batter into a greased 9-inch by 13-inch pan, baking 20 to 30 minutes at 350 degrees. While cake is cooling, make frosting by creaming butter until light and fluffy using an electric mixer on low speed.



Philip Potempa, standing near one of the guard towers at Westville Correctional Facility, has been teaching PNC courses in public speaking to the offenders for more than a decade. PHOTO BY JON HENDRICKS/ THE NWI TIMES.



Cookbook Cover

Beat in egg and gradually add in sifted sugar, frequently scraping down side of the bowl.

Lastly, add vanilla, beating frosting until smooth and light. Frost cake generously and serve. Makes 20 slices.

Impaired, Not Handicapped

By Nick Phillips
Staff Writer

What we all must understand, disabled or otherwise, is that simply because a person has a disability does not mean they are not the same as people without, they simply live with unique challenges. No one lives life without having to overcome obstacles, and everyone must live the life granted to them.

When the speaker at the recent PNC disabilities forum, Jerome Kelly, spoke of his life and experiences with his disability, one could not help but notice that many of the challenges he had in life were not those relating to what he could not do. The problems he had were often attributed to what people believed he could not do.

Throughout his life, Kelly dealt with people who simply underestimated his abilities because of his unique condition. He had a troubled birth which caused the right side of his body to not fully develop. His condition has caused him problems throughout his life, resulting in painful surgeries, discrimination, and cruelty at the hands of his peers.

Jerome never saw himself as disabled, however. He merely viewed himself as a person with a different and unique circumstance. He refused to live his life saying "I can't." Instead, he lived a life saying "This is what I CAN do."

Going through life, Jerome had always used the word disability when describing his condition, until one day a better word replaced it in his vocabulary. This word was Impaired. Jerome

was not disabled, he could still do, he could still act, he could still be. His condition was simply an impairment, something that had to be overcome in order to achieve the goals he set for himself. He is takes longer than some to write his assignments, but he still does them.

The message that should be taken away from this is that everyone has their own unique challenges in life, whether they are physical, mental, or social. People are not separated into groups like "normal" and "disabled," we are all simply people. If you are someone who has a unique challenge that they must overcome in life, understand that you are not so different from them, and that we all have our own impairments in life.

Dungeons and Dragons 101

By Nick Phillips
Contributor

When you hear the words "Dungeons and Dragons," what thought first comes to mind? Whatever that image may be, realize that it is so much more. Dungeons and dragons is a tabletop game, a film series, an online computer game, a clothing line and, to some, a way of life. While the members of the PNC Dungeons and Dragons club may not go as far as to name their firstborn "Drizzt," they do enjoy playing the game to its fullest.

The first question that should come to mind of any person wishing to learn more about Dungeons and Dragons is "What is Dungeons and Dragons?" D&D is a game in which players create characters in order to interact with an environment provided by an individual elected to be the Dungeon Master. The Dungeon Master is the person who creates the setting of the story as well as the conflicts the players must resolve. The DM is also every character in the story beside the play-

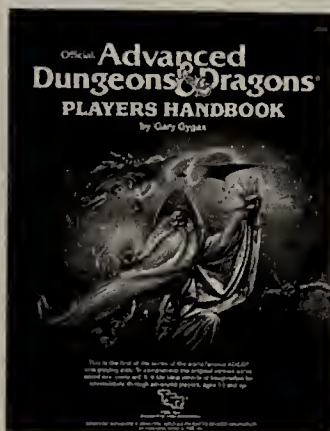
ers. Dungeons and Dragons is a completely open ended game, meaning a DM could create a game that would only last one night, or create an epic campaign that lasts for years on end. The purpose of the game is whatever motivates the characters the most. Whether you wish to own your own castle or to slay a dragon, all is within the realm of possibility.

Now that you know a bit about Dungeons and Dragons, you should learn a bit about the PNC Dungeons and Dragons Club.

According to the D&D Club website, "The only objective of this club is to have fun and create a place for everyone to blow off steam. If you're planning on not laughing, then this isn't the club

you, because there has yet to be a meeting where anyone hasn't left in a better mood than they've walked in."

If you looking to have fun with a group of fellow students while playing out your fantasy of owning a fully functional battle axe, then the Dungeons and Dragons Club is right up your alley. If you are interested in playing or just wish to learn more about the club, go to the "Student" tab of the PNC home page, then go to the "Student Groups" page and look for the "Dungeons and Dragons Club" link.



PNC Easter Egg Hunt

The Dean's Leadership Group will be sponsoring the Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt in the PNC Plaza. The outdoors event will begin at 10 a.m. on April 16. All who go will be able to participate in fun activities and games hosted by various PNC clubs before the hunt begins.

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What Are Rare Earth Minerals and Why Are They Important to You?

By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

Rare earth minerals are 17 elements located on the periodic table and essential to the production of high-tech gadgets like smart-phones, flat screen televisions, catalytic converters, low-energy light bulbs, wind turbines, and laser devices, just to name a few.

The name is a little deceiving because rare earth elements are not exactly "rare." Deposits of most of the elements can be found all across the globe, including continental North America. This term is an archaic name dating back to 1787 when the elements were first discovered. But depending on how one would look at the situation, rare earth elements are very rare indeed and making headlines in world news because 97 percent of the market is controlled by China who recently announced they will cut exports by 70 percent.

If these elements are common throughout the world, why does the U.S. military import them from China to build missiles and radar systems? First of all, mining for rare earth elements has numerous negative effects on the environment and creates radioactive waste as a byproduct. In the 1980's America led the market in rare elements

until 1990 when China flooded the market with super cheap elements mined at huge environmental costs. In 2002, Mountain Pass California, the largest and last of the U.S. element mines was shut down.

One rare earth element, Fluorite, is used to make glass and enamel. Valuable for the lenses in microscopes and telescopes, fluorite is also used to make optics usable in the ultra-violet range. Notable deposits occur in China, Germany, England, Mexico, Canada and the United States. Deposits spread all across the U.S. from New Mexico to New Hampshire.

Fluorite has been the official state mineral of Illinois since 1965. During that time, Illinois was the largest producer of fluorite in the United States but in 1995 the last fluorite mine was closed. A report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office found that developing a domestic supply could take up to 15 years. In an effort to speed up that

process a bill has been proposed that would offer federal loan guarantees to mining companies. Analysts expect that Molycorp of the U.S. and Lynas of Australia could bring 60,000 tons to the market by 2015. But what happens until then? Prices of the most sought after elements have spiked and some dealers are reporting that Neodymium (used in computers and lasers) is now impossible to find outside of China.

Finding high concentrations of elements can be problematic to mining operations and start-up costs are in the hundreds of millions. There is also a risk that China could flood the market again with super cheap elements.



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study showed no such responses.

A second experiment was administered but with focus on whether or not the participant's political views played a part in the results. Their second test found no such correlation. They also studied whether or not there is a biological component to the results. They found that higher testosterone levels alone do not cause masculine overcompensation.

Only when higher testosterone levels were accompanied by a social component (a threat to their masculinity) did the increased hormone levels affect the results. Their results showed the first link between hormone levels and political attitude, an exciting new breakthrough.

During the question session, many issues were addressed. Some in the audience questioned the fact that the test results did not show varying levels of masculine overcompensation in regard to age, race, and social class; correlations that have already been tested and established. Some expressed concern that the sexual orientation of the participants was not asked, and believed that that information would affect the results.

Rogalin gave a very interesting and thought provoking presentation, and many of the audience members stayed well after the presentation ended to discuss the results. Many thanks to Rogalin and her contributors.



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Vacationing Ideas Close to Home

By Lisa Rosenkranz
Web Editor

Soaring oil prices might put a damper on summer travel plans. Not only are prices at the pump climbing but so are airline tickets, making vacationing closer to home a more economical way to enjoy the warm months.

Indiana Beach located in Monticello, Ind., is about 65 miles from campus. The park first opened in 1927 as Ideal Beach along the shores of Lake Shafer with a pair of toboggan slides as its main attraction. In the 1930's the Beach Ballroom was built and in 1947 the park had a Ferris wheel, merry-go-round and roll-o-plane. In 1950 it was renamed Indiana Beach. Today Indiana Beach is home to six roller coasters and a water park with six slides. The park's Boardwalk Hotel offers lodging and cabins. The Hoosier Pointe Beach Club offers condo rentals and the Jellystone-Indiana Beach Campground offers a free ferry service to shuttle guests across Lake Shafer to Indiana Beach. Ride-only passes are \$29.95 and a combination-ride and water-park pass is \$39.95. Season passes are \$59.95. <http://www.indianabeach.com/>

Starved Rock State Park in Utica, Ill., is just over a two hour drive from

Northwest Indiana and home to 13 different canyons and waterfalls. The splendid beauty of Starved Rock is stunning enough to astound the most persnickety sightseer. The Starved Rock Lodge sits atop of a bluff overlooking the Illinois River and its namesake Starved Rock. There are 90 comfortable guest rooms that average around 100 bucks a night. The lodge offers many amenities like Wi-Fi, an indoor swimming pool, a gift shop, a full service restaurant, café, and even a bar. Park entrance and all parking lots are free. Located just a short drive from Starved Rock is Matthiesson State Park where an unusual hike takes you through two Dells and the largest waterfall in the state can be seen up close. Across the street from Starved Rock is the Grizzly Jack's Grand Bear Resort offering deluxe family suites, an indoor water park and an indoor amusement park. <http://www.starvedrock-lodge.com/>

Potato Creek State Park

is only 30 miles from campus in North Liberty, Indiana. The park offers 3.2 miles of paved bicycle trails, hiking trails, two boat ramps, canoe/kayak/row

boat rentals, a beach with concessions and bath house, 287 campsites with electricity and modern restrooms, and

bridle trails. The horseman's campground has 70 electrical sites and a parking lot for day use. There are also 17 cabins available to rent. Each cabin has a kitchen/living room area with a wood burning stove, two bedrooms (one with two twin beds and one with a double bed), stove, refrigerator, and microwave, and a screened porch with seating. If the campground is full check out Beaver Ridge Campground just east of the park off of Highway 4. <http://www.in.gov/dnr>

Fort Wayne is a fascinating little city with many things to do and see. There's the children's zoo which is home to over a 1,000 species of animals and admission is only 13 dollars for adults and 8.50 for children. There is also the historic Embassy Theatre, DeBrand Chocolatier offering tours and samples, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, the Vera Bradley outlet, the Grabill Amish community, Laser X the Midwest's largest laser tag and game facility, and much much more. Fort Wayne also offers an array of places to stay and eat. <http://www.visitfortwayne.com/>



The Upper Dells Waterfall at Matthiesson State Park in Illinois.

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Circle K International Club at PNC

The PNC Circle K International (CKI) club is being sponsored by the Valparaiso Noon Kiwanis club. Though already a campus club, 20 more students are needed in order for the club to be charter by CKI.

CKI is the "premier collegiate and university community service, leadership development, and friendship organization in the world." To be a member, ten hours of community service each semester is required. PNC's club has decided to put their focus on the Hours for Ours and the Boys and Girls.

The goal set by the CKI club is "to educate by mentoring and tutoring elementary age students and young adults in the counties of Porter and La Porte and promote community engagement off campus and at Purdue North Central."

The club is open to all PNC students with a G.P.A. of 2.5 or better.



Attention Graduating Class of 2011!

By Katelain Leslie
Staff Writer

Wednesday, March 23 was the last day to pay for orders for cap and gown rental for Spring graduation. If you have not ordered your cap and gown, you may purchase them from bulk shipments due to arrive the week of April 11. They will go on sale April 15 in the PNC bookstore. Please note that the graduation attire packages are set up differently from previous years. This year, caps, tassels, and gowns are included in the payments, but only the gown must be returned. Students will be allowed to keep their caps along with the tassels.

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set to upbeat music. She explains her draw to Zumba by stating, "It's spontaneous. You can be yourself... you can add your own style."

The classes, meeting for an hour each Tuesday and Thursday, take place in the aerobics room beginning at 4:45 p.m. The routine Bosman offers is not regimented, it changes from class to class; however, she incorporates the same basic Zumba moves so participants can keep pace in order to burn calories while having a blast.

HLC Team to Visit PNC in April

On April 18, the PNC campus will host a Visiting Team from the Higher Learning Commission for a comprehensive visit to reaccredit the campus. This visit is a long planned event.

The campus is currently fully accredited and is anticipating that status to continue. Accreditation is required by the federal government for any institution that awards federal financial aid to students. Accreditation is also a plus for students that wish to transfer or for a graduate that wishes to attend another institution for an advanced degree.

Students will have an opportunity to visit with the Team members and discuss issues of concern. The date and time of the meeting will be set closer to the date and will be sent to students through e-mail and the PNC web page.

The Team will also meet with Student Government leaders. These open

meetings are a standard for any Team visit and allows different campus constituents to interact with the HLC representatives.

In preparation for this visit, the campus has prepared a Self Study document. This is available on our website or at this address:

http://www.pnc.edu/hcl_self_study_2011/
Hard copies on disks are also available free of charge at the Information Desk in the Schwarz building.

Everyone on campus is urged to read the Self Study document. The Self Study presents all aspects of the campus and many readers are amazed at the breadth of the PNC influence on the community and the variety of the activities that are highlighted.

If anyone has any questions or concerns about the HLC visit, the Self Study or the accreditation process, please contact Dr. Linda Duttlinger (X5217) or dutt@pnc.edu.

Annual Hyde Park Forum

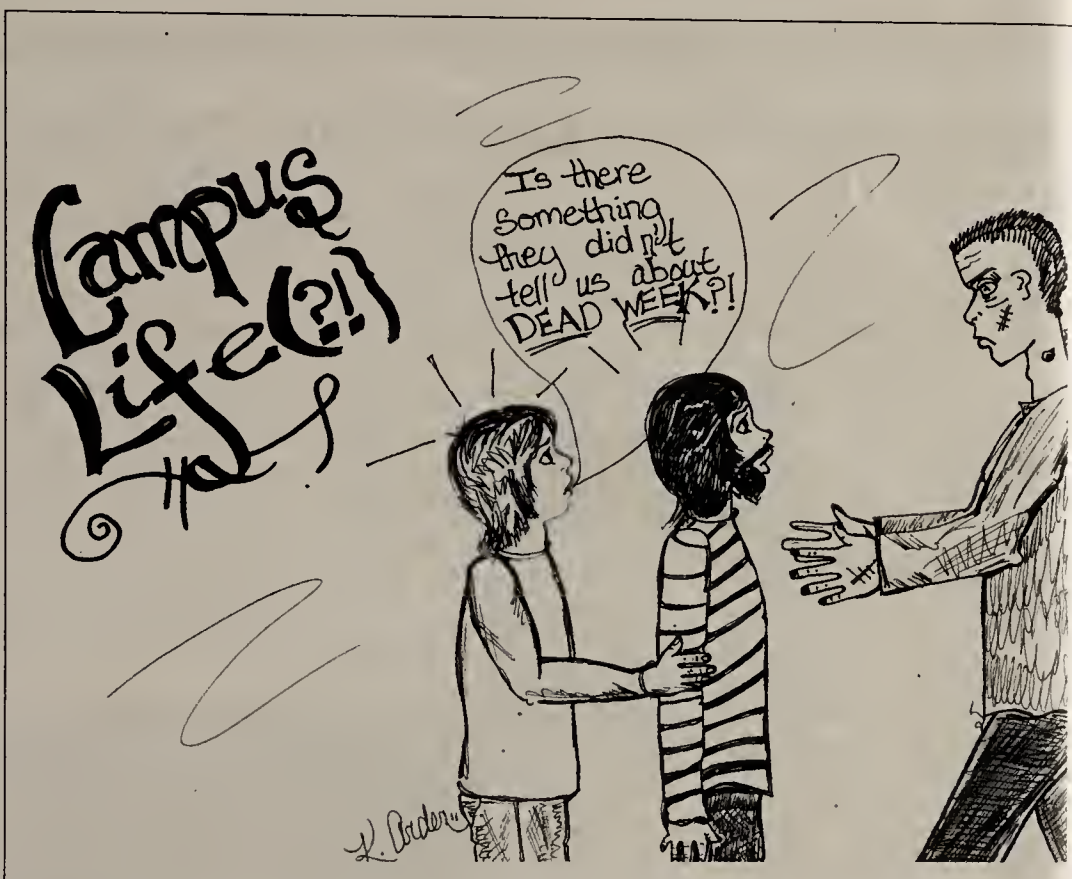
By Katelain Leslie
Staff Writer

Hyde Park is a public park on the west end of London that is known as a gathering place for speakers who wish to state their minds on any issue. Speakers know they will always have an audience and Hyde Park has gained prominence as a reference to freedom of speech and

intriguing speaking.

The PNC Hyde Park Forum offers a similar opportunity for you to stand and deliver your message to a group of interested listeners on this campus.

The Hyde Park Forum will be held on April 13 from 6-8p.m. in LSF 02. The "Speak Off" between the winners will be on April 15 at noon, also in LSF 02.



PNC Offers Students a New Degree

By Katelain Leslie
Staff Writer

Are you interested in pursuing a career in electrical engineering? Well, you're in luck! Purdue North Central now offers a Bachelor's Degree in electrical engineering.

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) granted the approval of the degree this

spring. Any PNC student interested in this program will have the opportunity to enroll in the specialized classes beginning the fall of 2011.

The Electrical Engineering Bachelor's Degree became the 20th bachelor's degree program that is offered at PNC. This degree will provide an outstanding opportunity for students interested in the career to receive a Purdue degree that is close to home and affordable.

"I am pleased that our students now have the opportunity to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering at Purdue North Central," said PNC Chancellor Dr. James B. Dworkin. "Our research indicates that there is a solid demand for electrical engineers in Northern Indiana. There are a number of exciting career options open to graduates with a degree in electrical engineering."

Lost and Found items soon to be gone!!

Attention all PNC students, faculty, and staff! The PNC Lost & Found bin located in the campus police department may hold something that you are missing. However, items are only held for one semester. As this semester is coming to a close, unclaimed items will not be kept for very much longer. Make sure to check with the campus police to ensure that your item is not lost forever.

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by lindsey

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POUNCE IN PLAY

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ASK
SAM



SEND YOUR Q'S
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C/O SAM THE SIAMESE

Dear Sam,

I live in an apartment complex and I think one of my neighbors is stalking me. When I head out for my morning walk he's always walking his dog right behind me. Whenever I take my trash to the dumpster, I always see him watching me from his window. When I walk to campus, I see him in his car at the roundabout.

I don't have my own car so walking is my only means of transportation and I'm starting to feel like a sitting duck. I don't have any proof that this guy is actually stalking me but I am worried. Can I report him to the police for suspicious behavior or will they just tell me to call back after he's raped me?

-Watched in Westville

Dear Watched,;

You can't report this guy just because he happens to walk his dog at the same time every morning. Since you live in an apartment complex, this could just be a case of frequently crossing each other's paths. But it does give you plenty of reason to start being extra cautious.

Start by mixing up your routine. Go for your morning walk an hour earlier or later than usual. Leave for campus an hour or so earlier or later, and try to vary the times when you'd be walking by yourself. When you walk, walk with determination. Women who walk with purpose and determination don't stand out as much as women who are walking slowly or seem lost.

Always be aware!! Know where you are and what's going around you.

If possible, let someone know when you are leaving and when you should be arriving. When you're at home, always keep your doors and windows locked and never answer the door unless you know who's on the other side. As soon as you get inside your house or car lock the doors. Use an elevator instead of the stairs. Stairwells are notorious for criminal activity. When you're alone be wary of strangers who ask for assistance. Keep your distance and be alert.

If you do find yourself in a situation where someone is attacking you, do everything in your power to get away and run for safety.

Sam the Siamese

FROM PAGE 3

SUPERMAN

educational system itself. Within the system, focus is placed on statistics, norms, and minimum standardized test scores, and not what individual students are actually learning. In fact, the film argues that the system does not encourage learning, but hinders it, both for students and teachers.

Most critics agree that the document is thought provoking and enlightening. Perusing the large amount of online reviewers

arguing over the effectiveness of the film proves one thing at least: the film generates interest about education, and inspires thoughtful conversation. In other words, the film educates, and an educated public making educated decisions has more power than any documentary.

Considering the large amount of elementary education majors at PNC, every available seat in LSF 02 should be filled. Even if you do not agree with the conclusions drawn, a wise teacher needs to know both sides of an issue.

FROM PAGE 1

NUCLEAR POWER

us that California nuclear plants can withstand an earthquake of a magnitude 7.5. California is an area where considerable seismic activity takes place, but what about the nuclear plants elsewhere, like here in the Midwest? Can they withstand a 7.0 or greater quake?

Michigan has some considerable seismic activity on record that dates back to 1811. On February 4, 1883, an earthquake cracked windows and shook buildings at Kalamazoo (magni-

tude 6). This shock was felt in southern Michigan and northern Indiana. Cities as distant as Bloomington, Ill. and St. Louis, Mo. also reported feeling this earthquake. In the early 1900's a series of seismic events occurred at Keweenaw Peninsula, one of which was a magnitude 7. The earthquake of August 9, 1947, damaged chimneys and cracked plaster over a large area of south-central Michigan and affected a total area of about 50,000 square miles, including points north to Muskegon and Saginaw and parts of Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

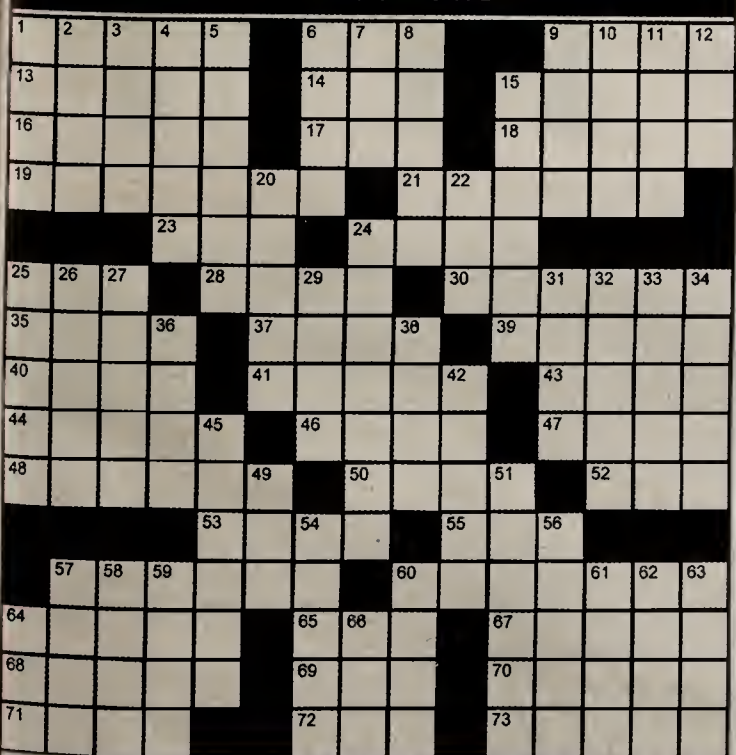
Could something similar to Fukushima happen on the shores of Lake Michigan? It's hard to say.

Chill Out to Celebrate Earth Day

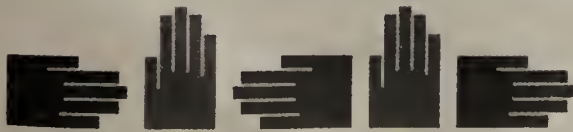
The PNC Sustainability Committee invites students to an early campus celebration of Earth Day on Weds., April 20. Come to LSF I44 at Noon to receive a free scoop of Culver's custard and watch "Chill Out: Climate Action on Campus." The webcast from the National Wildlife Federation highlights inspiring stories about students, faculty and staff making a difference to fight climate change and promote sustainability.

We encourage students who are interested in "going green" to show up and sign a petition to form a student group to promote sustainability on campus. The "Chill Out" event will be part of Pounce Week on campus.

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Answers to This Crossword Puzzle can be found on The Voice website under the Entertainment Section.

Good Luck! Puzzle difficulty too hard? Please let us know at thevoice@pnc.edu

FAIRY TALES

ACROSS

- Lowest male singing voice
- Extinct flightless bird
- *What did the boy cry?
- Type of dental practice, for short
- Be unwell
- A wheeled wagon or trolley
- r in d = rt
- "___ at ease"
- Made a mistake
- *Pied Piper's stomping ground
- Slacked off
- Mightier than the sword?
- Via
- Jump key
- Boxing practice
- "Stay ___" mom or dad
- Chromaticities
- The Beehive State
- Affirmatives
- Europe/Asia mountain divide
- Things on a to-do list
- Takes a seat
- An address to a woman
- Go from solid to liquid
- "Que Sera ___"
- Trumped
- Worth a million dollars?
- Scottish hero Rob
- Break or destroy
- ___ mode
- Blisters, as in burns with a hot liquid
- *He faced 40 Thieves
- Islamic beauty of Paradise
- Often used with "off," as in cut off
- Twilight
- *Hans Christian Andersen's "The ___ Hill"
- First woman?
- From this time
- Living room seat
- Duty
- Trips or travels

DOWN

- Pretentious or silly talk
- River in Armenia
- Flower holder
- *It often represents the meek
- Loads
- Street in Anytown, USA
- "There Will be Blood" was based on this Upton Sinclair book
- Islam's Supreme Being
- St. John's ___, plant
- *Shrek, e.g.
- *What Pinocchio did
- U.S. central banking system
- *Beast's true love
- Entry into a computer, e.g.
- Lingerie staple
- An item given as payment for a new one
- *Tom ___
- Saints' lights
- Mardi Gras souvenir
- A-bomb particle
- Nazi villain
- Twig of a willow tree
- The first 'M' in MGM
- English homework?
- Fence piece
- Ship's cargo space
- Take a base in baseball
- *Famous wizard
- Defective firework
- Ablaze
- Small body of land
- More capable
- A musician's time to shine
- "Off the ___," as in with little preparation
- "Summertime" in Porgy and Bess, e.g.
- Mt. Everest is this to Earth
- First-rate
- "___ in the U.S.S.R."
- Hollywood actor Leon ___ (1902-1993)
- The Chiffons hit "___ So Fine"
- Spermatozoa counterparts

PNC Baseball Team Off to a Solid Start

The 2011 season is more promising than last year

By Jesse Cartagena
Contributor

After a disappointing (11-37) 2010 season, the Panther baseball squad is off to a much better start in 2011, winning eight of their first 19 games. The Panthers went to Florida this year sporting a 4-2 record, splitting a series with Alice Lloyd College of Kentucky and winning a two game series in Jacksonville, IL against Ashford University.

The Panthers played their first few games of their spring trip at the Chain of Lakes Park, the former facility of the Cleveland Indians. The trip started out rough with a 13-3 loss to William Penn University (IA), although senior masher, Ryan Frost stroked his first home run of the season and junior first baseman Jeff Strbjak hit his second bomb of the year.

The second game of the trip, junior Tony Hoolehan pitched the Panthers to an 11-0 victory. The lefty dominated, giving up only two hits and one walk, while striking out 10 in five innings. Later that day the Panthers pulled off an impressive 6-3 victory over Point Park (PA). In only his second start since recovering from Tommy John surgery sophomore RJ Legel pitched great, giving up only one run in four innings.

After falling behind 3-2 in the top of the 6th inning, the Panthers came back thanks to some clutch offense provided by Strbjak who stroked an RBI double to score Frost, and a two run single to right field by senior R.J. Zambrano. Sophomore lefty Chuck Meyers dominated the final two innings to notch his first save of the year.

After two solid victories, the Panthers found themselves on the wrong side of a 6-

5 score in the bottom of the 9th inning against the tough Concordia University squad. With two outs, junior transfer Alex Smith, who had a rough 0 for 4 games to that point, played a hero for PNC coming through with a single up the middle to score Frost and junior Jerry Vasile to send the Panthers into a walk-off frenzy.

Unfortunately, the Panthers dropped their last five games of the trip, with two one-run losses and an extra inning loss to a strong Warner University (FL). However, the Panthers did receive impressive complete game performances on the mound from Hoolehan and Legel. The Panthers started out conference play with a 7-4 loss to Olivet Nazarene University.

In their first home game of the season the Panthers beat Olivet Nazarene 8-4. Leading the way was senior Nate Bryan, junior Nate Hall, junior transfer Dave Crock and Frost who each collected two hits. Freshman Colin Willis came through at the top of the order with three runs scored. On the mound RJ Legel came through again for the Panthers, earning his second win of the season, giving up 3 earned runs in 5 innings while striking out six and only walking two. Chuck Meyers pitched two innings to close out the game and earn his second save of the season.

The Panthers look to have a solid rotation this year with junior transfer Joe Florek, junior Shane Prance, joining Hoolehan and Legel at the top of the rotation. With Meyers and junior Leddrew Smith leading the way out of the bullpen, the Panthers also have many relievers including juniors Justin Hunt and Seth Clinkenbeard, as well as freshmen Andy Wheeler, Kyle Kerr, Tyler Raica, Kyle Sanders, and Dillon Ozbolt.

Offensively, the Panthers will be lead by senior Ryan Frost who had his school record 36 game hitting streak snapped on the Florida trip. Frost who finished first team all conference last year is leading the team in hitting again this year with a .466 batting average.

Also leading the team will be junior Nate Hall as he comes back after missing all of last season recovering from a torn ACL. Two other senior leaders are third baseman R.J. Zambrano and left fielder Nate Bryan. Behind the plate are junior transfer Justin Hunt who transferred in from Madison Tech CC in Wisconsin, and sophomore Rich Meyers from De La Salle high school in Chicago.

Getting some opportunities behind the dish will be freshmen Mike Erwin and Wes Rettinger. First base duties will be given to Jeff Strbjak for the second year in a row. Second base will be shared by juniors Tyson Blattner and Jerry Vasile. Freshman Colin Willis will continue to get a lot of playing time and hit at the top of the order as he possesses a strong lefty bat and good speed in right field.

Junior transfers Alex Smith (Georgetown Coll.) and Dave Crock (Kalamazoo CC) will see time in the outfield and infield respectively, both bring potent bats to the team. Sophomore Josh Tagert adds to the outfield depth with a much improve bat. Freshman Trevor Williams will continue to see some time on the mound and in the infield.

As the Panthers continue the season, their games can be seen and heard live on the new athletics website: pncathletics.com website.

Great Start to the 2011 Softball Season

By Katelain Leslie
Staff Writer

The softball squad travels annually to Tucson, Arizona during spring break for their spring training scrimmages. This year, the team played 18 games in the six days that they were there. The team went 10-8 for the week in Arizona. Unfortunately, the team suffered several injuries during the visit to Arizona. The PNC softball team has entered the 2011 with renewed energy and drive.

After traveling to Arizona for their spring training games, the Purdue North Central softball squad opened the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference play on March 4 against Cornerstone University. After starting off the season with two losses, the team has fought back and now has a 12-10 record this season.

Junior Lindsay Gernenz (Crown Point HS, Crown Point, IN) will also bring a solid bat back for the Panthers after hitting .359 last season with 2 HR's, and 28 RBIs. Gernenz also picked everything at first base and finished with a .978 fielding percentage. Gernenz was a 2010 CCAC Honorable Mention player. Gernenz is leading the team with a .500 batting average and 20 RBIs so far this season. Sophomore Jessica Morgan (transfer from Purdue University, Lake Central HS, Chicago, IL) is also playing well with a .493 batting average and 14 RBIs. Morgan brings in a .909 fielding position to the middle infield after playing for the Boilermakers last season.

The softball team has a mix of veterans and youth this season. The next game for the women's softball team is on March 27 at Patriot Park in Michigan City versus St. Francis. The game will begin at 1 p.m.



Panther Ladies Softball Team

Morgan Breaks Homerun Record

PNC Athletics Department

PNC softball loses two to Marian College 6-0 and 10-2. The Panthers move to 12-10 on the season and will face Trinity Christian College on March 24th.

Very little offense sums up game one of the double header against Marian College. The Panthers were on base four times in the entire game, mustering only three hits.

Marian struggled with the PNC pitching staff getting only six hits. But that would be enough along with quality base running to score six runs on the young Panther team.

Sophomore Amber Welsh started for PNC going four innings allowing no runs on one hit, walking four and striking out one. Sophomore Erin Burleson pitched the last two innings allowing six runs (one earned) on five hits, walking one.

Offensively, sophomore Jessica Morgan and Juniors Megan Olson and Brittani Cain had the only hits for PNC.

Game two saw the home run record fall when Jessica Morgan hit her seventh of the season. The home run record previously was held by junior Karissa Inglis. Inglis, whose year has been shortened due to injury, hit six

bombs during the 2010 campaign.

"I am so happy for her", Inglis stated. "I hope she doubles it."

Morgan's record breaking hit came in first inning was a solo homer and the first hit of the game.

Gernenz also scored in the first on a single by Parks.

Marian answered with three runs in the bottom of the first. Marian then padded their lead in the bottom of the second with four more runs. Marian stretched the lead to eight in the bottom of the fourth scoring three more runs.

A strong Marian defense prevented the Panthers from scoring anymore runs ending the game in the fifth handing the loss to PNC 10-2.

Lanay Parks pitched a complete game allowing 10 runs (7 earned) on 11 hits, walking one and striking out two.

Jessica Morgan and Lanay Parks led the way offensively with one hit and one rbi a piece. Olson, Gernenz, and Bauer also had a hit a piece.

The Panthers moved to 12-10 on the season. PNC will open their conference and home season on March 24th when they face CCAC rival Trinity Christian College.



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Record Breaker Jessica Morgan